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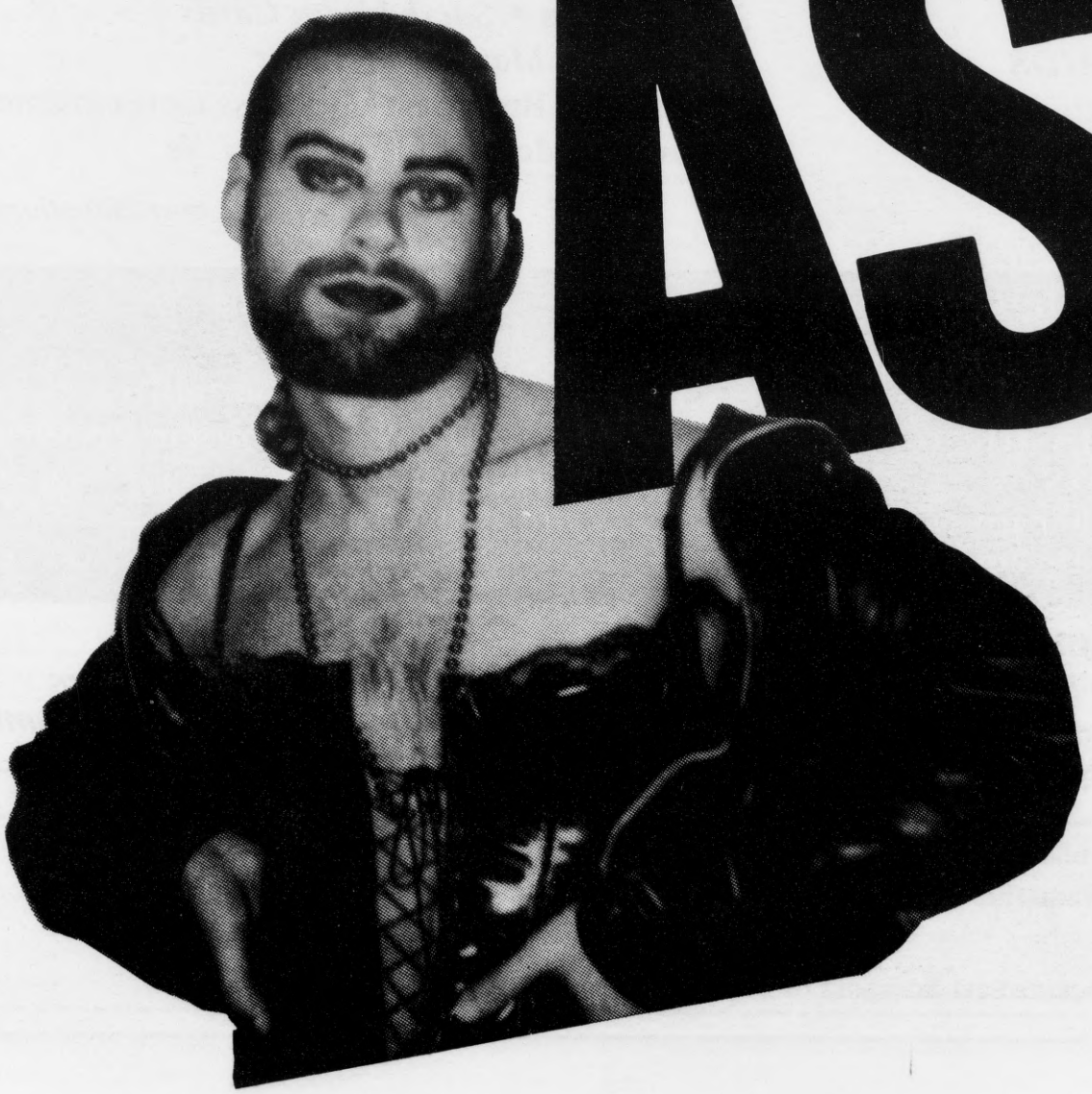

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Invisibility?

Invisible (*SF Bay Times* cover, April 8)? That's what people will be to the general public if they go to the March on Washington April 26 instead of April 25. It's also apparently what the copy editors were when the cover was "ready." Or was this the passive-aggressive act of a latently homophobic printer?

Speaking of "invisible," your otherwise accurate and excellent publication is less visible to me since it's become a biweekly. Picking it up at the beginning of each month used to be an exciting, anticipation-filled ritual for me, but keeping track of when a biweekly comes out isn't quite as easy. It might be helpful if somewhere prominent in the paper you printed, "Look for our next issue on such and such a date." I want to pick up your paper as soon as it comes out, because you're still the best gay one in town.

Jon Golden
Berkeley

Ooops! Well, it was late at night, and we wanted to see if anyone was paying attention. Sorry folks—the March is the 25th.

Queers Out of Uniform

We were pleased to finally see an article in the gay press about queers who oppose the military. This kind of coverage is especially important, considering the long history of gay men's—and especially lesbians'—active participation and leadership in anti-war movements.

We were upset, however, that your writer chose to omit any mention of the work we have been doing for the last two years to discourage lesbian, gay and bisexual youth from joining the military. Since the beginning of the Gulf War, Lesbians and Gays Against Intervention (LAGAI) has campaigned to give our youth accurate information about the U.S. military all over the world, the job opportunities and benefits the military does and doesn't offer; racism, sexism and homophobia in the military; how recruiters lie to potential recruits; the draft; and ways people can get out of the military if they've already joined. We have done tabling in the Polk and Castro, as well as at gay community events, in the spring and summer, and intend to do so again this year, beginning after the March on Washington. We have produced a packet, "We Like Our Queers Out of Uniform," which contains personal stories by lesbian and gay veterans and military resisters, as well as information about the deferred entry program, conscientious objection, registration for the draft, student aid, and alternatives to enlistment.

LAGAI, along with groups in Boston, New York, Chicago and Seattle, is planning an anti-militarist presence at the March on Washington. If any of the people you interviewed, or any of your readers, would like to get involved in our campaign, we would welcome their energy. LAGAI can be contacted at 3543 18th St., Box 26, SF 94110; (415) 641-8769.

Kate R.
Lesbians and Gays Against Intervention
San Francisco

Naturally Idiots?

Kudos to Tim Kingston's article, "Gays in the Military 101" (*SF Bay Times*, April 8). Kingston provided this straight male reader a service by enabling me to fit into some old jeans after I shrank in rank embarrassment over the gentleman from New Hampshire's reference to "those who profess to be homosexual."

Kingston's article also noted perceptively that, as NGLTF's Robert Bray put it, "(the ban's fate) will come down to gays in the showers." Regardless of how one feels about the military, it's virtually unchallenged that it's run like a giant junior high school, only they really mean it when it comes to the dress code.

Having read this article, I have to wonder whether straight men, by and large, aren't, as Henry Miller once wrote about humans in general, "naturally idiots, naturally sluggards, naturally cowards."

D.T. Presler
San Francisco

Clarification

Your recent article regarding San Francisco's needle exchange program ("Time To Do the Right Thing," *SF Bay Times*, March 25) contained an inaccuracy I would like to correct.

The fiscal agent for Prevention Point and the recipient of the $138,000 city contract is the newly formed HIV Prevention Project of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, not the SF AIDS Foundation itself.

Pat Christen
SF AIDS Foundation

Beyond Anthropocentrism

I wish to compliment Robert Marvin of the Gay Rodeo for the dignified tone of his letter (*SF Bay Times*, April 8). A critique of the animal rights position by one in the animal use industry more often consists of emotional revilement. We in the animal rights movement have learned to appreciate those occasions when we are not referred to as human-hating buffoons.

The substance of his letter, however, is troubling. First, if rodeo is in fact "a celebration of an American cultural lifestyle," then it should be obvious that we need to question the legitimacy of that lifestyle. We ought to note that the conduct which results from homophobia can also be deemed an American cultural lifestyle. Likewise, the behavior caused by racism and sexism. Wasn't human slavery once an American cultural lifestyle? How about women as subservient procreators? Drunk driving certainly seems to be an American cultural lifestyle right now.

Second, regardless of how responsibly the animal might be treated outside of the ring, there is no denying the unmitigated brutality and cruelty that is perpetrated upon it in the rodeo events. Forcing fear and pain on innocent, defenseless beings constitutes a basic violation of the principles of justice, peace and freedom.

It seems incredibly anthropocentric to say so, but I sometimes wonder if it isn't humans who are the greatest victims of animal exploitation. The animals' fear and pain is evident, but we don't know if they feel humiliation. We do, though.

While oppressing others we should not expect equality for ourselves. When we dominate those who are weaker, we should not expect compassion for ourselves. And when we disrespect those who are different, we should not expect anyone to respect our differences.

Rodeo as a violent and exploitative part of our culture should not be tolerated. It should be boycotted and put out of business.

Baron L. Miller
San Francisco

Toward Gender-Blind Recognition

The following letter was sent to the Board of Directors of the Cable Car Awards:

After attending this year's Cable Car Awards celebration, I congratulate you on your annual effort to honor outstanding achievements in the gay community, and on your particular attention to the role of women in the AIDS epidemic.

Although I appreciate the spirit of the Bob Cramer Award of Excellence, I am writing to offer a number of criticisms on its execution. The honored women were named and invited onto the stage en masse, at the end of the evening. They were not acknowledged individually, and thus the audience could not differentiate them or their specific achievements. Their names were not listed in the program, and they were denied the opportunity to speak at the podium. Their award consisted of simple paper documents. In contrast, the names of all nominees in other categories were listed in the program, and each winner was individually acknowledged, had an opportunity to speak from the podium, and received an engraved plaque. It is ironic that nominees for best pool player of the year received more recognition than did women who have been activists and leaders in the AIDS epidemic for more than a decade.

"The Year of the Woman," sadly, frequently insults rather than honors women. Women have been successful leaders all along, and this type of shared, group recognition serves only to minimize their achievements. It will be a glorious day when recognition is gender-blind, and when all women and men are judged equally based on what they do rather than on who they are.

Lyssa Friedman
San Francisco

Being Set Apart

There seems to be a lack of understanding among some members of the local sexual minority communities as to the significance of the use of the term "Queer" in the name of this year's parade.

Ron Wilson, for example, ("Disrespectful," *SF Bay Times*, Letters, March 25) argues that the word does not represent everyone, and seems worried that the name of the parade may encourage people to stay in the closet. He says, "It is offensive and disrespectful of a great part of the lesbian and gay community." But the whole point of the name is to give token representation—via the parade's name—to groups that have traditionally been excluded from the politics—parade included—and the social gains of the "lesbian and gay community" for the past 20 years: people of color, the bisexual, transgender and S/M communities, fetishists, prostitutes, poor people and "minors," among others.

These people have been called derogatory things by "lesbians" and "gays" for years, and know that when Wilson says "all lesbians and gays are being urged to 'come out' and show our numbers," that it doesn't apply to them. The routine exclusion of these groups from gay politics becomes especially ironic and provocative around parade time, since the Stonewall riots, which the parade commemorates, were started by teenage hustlers of many colors and many genders, while the "respectable" gay males sat on their carefully closeted asses in better neighborhoods waiting for the coast to clear.

It is unfortunate that these "good gays" have absorbed so much of this sick society's values that they feel uncomfortable being set apart from it, but many of us do not have the privilege to choose. Those who are truly committed to freedom must acknowledge that the only acceptable way to become "normal" is to redefine the word, to mean someone who is not harming or taking advantage of another person, period. Until this becomes a prerequisite for use of the "n" word, I'll take the "q" word any day.

David Miller
San Francisco

Pejorative

I join the growing chorus of gays, lesbians, bisexuals and straights who object to the "Year of the Queer" theme for this year's Gay and Lesbian Pride Parade.

The slogan makes about as much sense as calling a Cinco de Mayo parade "Year of the Spic," an African-American parade "Year of the Nigger," a Chinese New Year's Parade "Year of the Chink," the St. Patrick's Day Parade "Year of the Mick," or the Columbus Day Parade "Year of the Dago."

I vividly recall from my teenage years friends calling the local homosexual hangouts "queer bars" and thinking, "Is that what I am?" It's a pejorative, hateful term that should never be used, especially by gays.

"Year of the Queer" is the brainchild of in-your-face, self-absorbed, young gays who haven't quite grown up yet and think everyone over 25 is an old fogey. They say, "Stay away if you wish. We won't miss you." Well, we won't miss you either, as we "old fogeys" join in a counter-parade on pride day.

As another dissenter suggested, let's avoid another disaster, be democratic and have readers of the San Francisco gay media select the 1994 slogan.

Peter A. Cassels
San Francisco

Get Over It!

I just don't see why we can't be satisfied with this year's parade theme. I mean, get over it, people! I mean, really! The parade is a time to rejoice and have fun, not to bitch and moan over one little word, which I believe isn't offensive. So, come on, let's enjoy ourselves during the parade!

Laura Partido
San Francisco

Not Queer

Nygel Wesly Daggers asks in his March 25 letter, "As a transgendered bisexual, where am I supposed to fit in this rather limited scope of 'lesbian and gay,' especially when these groups tend to exclude both transpersons and bi's?" ("Take Responsibility," *SF Bay Times*).

Good question, Nygel, and it deserves a good answer. You can't fit in within that narrow scope. You're neither a lesbian nor a gay man. You're bi, period. The only way you can fit into that narrow scope is to expand it. But you're going about it the wrong way by calling yourself a "queer."

March 15 marked exactly 15 years since I began what turned out to be a four-year process of coming out of the closet as a gay man. I was living in my native New York City at the time and was still nominally a Christian (I'm a pagan now).

On that Spring Equinox morning, I walked into Grace Episcopal Church in Greenwich Village. Up to that day, I was still struggling to reconcile my homosexuality with what I was told about it by the church and by society. I knelt down in front of the main altar of the church and prayed aloud:

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The 1% Delusion

A Visionary Analysis
By the Staff
Of the SF Bay Times

In the last month, amid much fanfare, a couple of major research institutes released studies that claim to establish, once and for all, that a screaming ONE PERCENT of the adult male population is gay. More (or less) on lesbians later. (Bi's? Trans? Hello?)

Two separate studies were conducted by research guys at the Guttmacher Institute and National Opinion Research Center (NORC). We're absolutely certain beyond a shadow of a doubt that this research was in no way related whatsoever to the increasing visibility of gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders in our collective struggle for our human rights. We have no doubt that these research guys conducted their studies utterly without bias; we're certain they left no stone unturned in their quest to determine the absolute number of queers in America.

Anyway—we thought we were everywhere, but what the hell. Now they tell us that there are only 2.5 million of us, after all. (And according to NORC, there isn't a single gay person anywhere in the state of Arizona.) There are a lot of goodies throughout the research, which further bolster the conclusions of the studies.

This is a groundbreaking data collection, not to be missed. So we've selected some of the more interesting and enlightening statistics from their research for you, dear reader. After we've presented the research guys' facts, we'll draw a few carefully considered extrapolations of our own, based on their data.

The Real Thing:

- People who claim 100 percent heterosexual intercourse:
  - the widowed
  - the separated
  - those over 70
  - those in the Southwest and Mountain regions
  - Arizona

  (NORC)
- Two-tenths of one percent of African American men are gay. 2.8 percent of "Hispanic" men are gay. (Gutt)
- There are no (zip, zero) married gay people. (Gutt)
- High school dropouts are 100 percent heterosexual. (Gutt)
- But a little bit of learning is a dangerous thing: 1.4 percent of those who say they have some college education are gay. (Gutt)
- Aging reduces homosexuality. While 2.3 percent of men between the ages of 20-24 are gay (Gutt), there are no homosexuals at all (zero percent) in the population over 70 (NORC).
- Bisexuals do not exist. (Gutt and NORC)
- There are no large populations of gays and lesbians in the Southern United States. In particular, there are not many gays in Florida, like, you know, Key West or Miami. (NORC)
- If you are a pagan, witch, non-Christian or atheist you are less likely to be gay (0.5 percent) than if you are Roman Catholic (1.3 percent) or run-of-the-mill Protestant (1.3 percent). (NORC)
- A grand total of 1.5 percent of Americans masturbated in the past 24 hours (was this question asked in San Francisco?). Fully 11 percent of all Americans masturbated in the past month. (NORC)

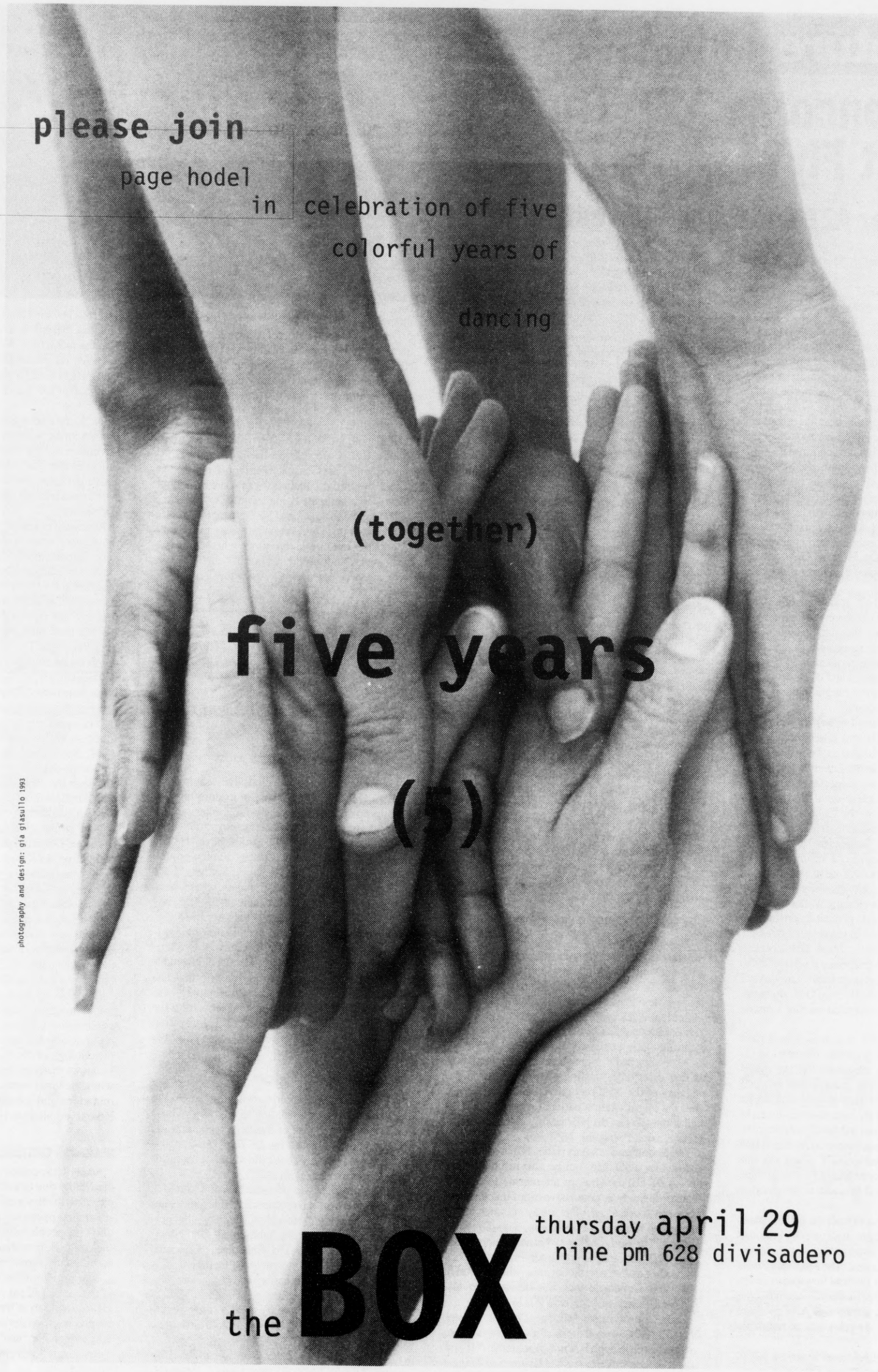
If You Believe That...

- More than one out of three gay Americans will attend the March on Washington.
- One out of ten of all gay, lesbian and bisexual Americans read the *SF Bay Times* (we wish).
- According to several national exit polls after the Presidential election, 3 percent of voters were willing to tell pollsters they were gay or lesbian. Since that translates to 3 million gay voters: (A) Every single gay person in the United States voted, and lots of supportive straight people were glad to say they were gay; or (B) Not all gay people voted, but lots of us voted more than once; or (C) Gay people were so excited to vote, we stood in line twice to answer pollster's questions about the experience.
- Disco was probably invented by straight people.
- Ninety-nine out of every one hundred waiters in San Francisco is heterosexual.
- Doc Martin's are not receiving any sales boost from the sudden (about time) popularity of ox-blood and black nine-hole-lace-ups. Instead, the increase in sales is entirely the result of the fashion industry fascistic "discovery" of "grunge," and the recent mall-rat purchases of DM's.
- Only one out of 100 women on the LPGA tour is a lesbian.

What This All Really Proves:

- As Gabriel Rotello, former editor of *Outweek* noted: One percent of all Americans are willing to tell a complete stranger who calls them at home that they suck cock, lick pussy, or take it up the ass.

Duh.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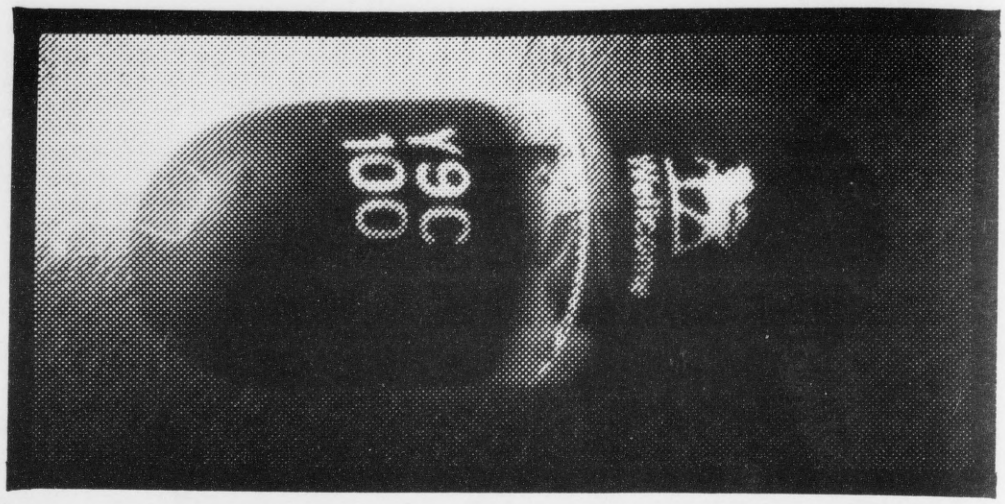
The Concorde AZT Trial: Does It Fly?

Fracas Over AZT and Early Intervention Continues



by Tim Kingston

Rarely have a mere eight paragraphs sparked such fury, hysteria and hyperbole. On April 2, the British medical journal, *The Lancet* published an eight-paragraph letter along with a strongly worded press release by the British Medical Research Council (MRC). The letter asserts that preliminary results from the three-year European Concorde Study of AZT monotherapy vs. placebo indicate early intervention with AZT is simply not effective. In addition, the MRC discounted the use of T-cell counts as a means of detecting disease progression.

Response was instantaneous—and contradictory. "Right now the impact on my practice is only that it has scared everybody, and everyone is confused," grumbled Dr. Howard Grossman, a gay community physician with a large practice in New York.

"Mostly, I am pissed off. It is science by press release," added Dr. Grossman. "Again I am forced to make decisions with patients where we have been presented with minimal data, and people are drawing incredible conclusions... Everyone is racing for the bunkers and doing spin control. Once again the people caught in the middle are the patients and doctors."

The National Institutes of Allergies and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and other mainstream AIDS researchers responded to the preliminary results by picking holes in the *Lancet* letter, stressing the importance of avoiding premature judgments based on incomplete data. Many AIDS researchers are critical of the Concorde Study's initial conclusions, claiming there are significant flaws in the preliminary analysis and design of the study. Primarily, critics say, a large number of individuals treated with AZT were also included in the placebo arm, possibly skewing the results.

AZT manufacturer Burroughs Wellcome (BW) has responded by trying to protect its profit margin, which is determined in large part by AZT's viability. Since the letter's release, BW has been scrambling, setting up telephone conferences to shore up the drug's reputation for efficacy. As of yet, there has been little effect on U.S. markets, but BW stock has plummeted on the London Stock Exchange.

Advocates of the AZT-is-poison school have had a field day, penning gleeful diatribes in the local press. Not only do they assert that early AZT intervention is ineffective, but also that *all* AZT treatment and *all* HIV antiretroviral therapies are ineffective. (*Neither* of the later statements can be conclusively drawn from the MRC's *Lancet* letter.) Anti-AZT activists also charge that AIDS researchers are wedded to AZT. They say that criticism of the Concorde Study by researchers is driven by political and financial investments in the drug.

The mainstream press in both the United States and United Kingdom have inadvertently colluded by accepting the MRC letter as fact— without reservation or critical comment. The *Financial Times* of London, normally a rational newspaper, even quoted *Project AIDS International*—a small, virtually unknown and virulently anti-AZT pressure group based in Los Angeles—as a reputable source on the issue.

Dr. John Stansill, director of inpatient AIDS services at San Francisco General Hospital, says, "You can interpret [Concorde] as your bias dictates....Those who say antiretrovirals have no effect, will use it against early intervention. Those who believe antiretrovirals do alter outcome will say it does not properly show the way to treat [HIV and AIDS]."

"I have pretty much discounted the study," concludes Dr. Stansill, who believes early intervention *is* effective. "I will wait for the study to finish."

JUST THE FACTS, MA'AM

The critical point that has been buried in the media hype and political opportunism is that the letter was simply stating *preliminary* conclusions not backed up by substantive statistics, say U.S. AIDS researchers.

"The most important thing is that we have not seen the full data yet," says Dr. Paul Volberding, director of the AIDS program at San Francisco General Hospital. He adds, "We hope to meet with the Concorde investigators and review this as completely as we can."

Volberding's cautious wait-and-see position was echoed by everyone contacted by the *SF Bay Times*, irrespective of whether or not they agree with MRC's conclusions. Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of NIAID, says that American AIDS researchers will finally get their chance to study the data in depth on May 3 and 4, when British biostatisticians present the Concorde Study to AIDS researchers at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) headquarters in Rockville, Md.

"So far, British researchers and physicians have received far more information than their American counterparts," says John James of *AIDS Treatment News*. James adds that the NIH received the *Lancet* draft letter only two days prior to publication. (See *AIDS Treatment News* article in this issue of *SF Bay Times* for detailed analysis of the Concorde results.)

THE GIVE-CONCORDE-A-CHANCE CREW

"Given the length of the trial follow-up and investigation, it is very reassuring and has to bring into question the efficacy of early intervention with AZT," says Dr. Joseph Sonnabend, a well-known New York City community physician and vehement AZT critic. Dr. Sonnabend also acknowledges that the Concorde information currently available is extremely limited.

According to Dr. Sonnabend, the primary issue is that the study calls into serious question the validity of the NIH recommendation: that AZT therapy begin when a patient drops to a 500 T-cell count. So far, the NIH has not changed its collective mind regarding AZT use.

Dr. Sonnabend not only defies NIH recommendations for AZT use, but he also refutes fellow anti-AZT critics who are attempting to use the Concorde Study as conclusive proof that the drug does not work at all. The study was not broad enough to make that conclusion, says Dr. Sonnabend. The study, he says, "is not even relevant as to whether or not early intervention works" with other antiretrovirals or other therapies. He adds that Concorde was not designed to test AZT's efficacy in late-stage AIDS, either.

Greg Gonsalves, of Treatment Action Group, New York, believes that the study offers valuable insights even though it is not conclusive. "If you take it at face value... it is the largest and longest trial [of AZT]. It does tell something different from what we expect." What was expected was that early intervention with AZT would be immediately proven effective.

Gonsalves says that people are responding to unexpected preliminary conclusions with fear and rigidity, rather than welcoming the potential wealth of information the study contains. "Here we have a huge, statistically powerful trial staring us in the face, and people are talking about combination trials that have no clinical or statistical data about their efficacy yet!" AIDS treatment activists are split on the issue, says Gonsalves, with East Coast activists more inclined to accept the initial conclusions of Concorde, and West Coast activists being more skeptical.

The assistant director of SF General Hospital's AIDS program, Dr. Don Abrams, says the study "confirms my confusion about whether or not early intervention is of any clinical benefit.... We have not seen enough data to make any major conclusions."

"My sense is that doctors are waiting for their lines. They are bewildered."

—Dr. Joseph Sonnabend

Dr. Abrams agrees with Gonsalves, saying that Concorde is valuable because of its duration and size compared to other early-AZT intervention studies. He notes Concorde ran for three years without being cut short by its monitoring board. The difference in results between placebo groups and AZT groups in the Concorde Study was not as drastic as in the U.S. AZT studies, where monitoring boards shut down trials due to clear evidence of AZT efficacy, says Dr. Abrams.

Currently, there are still doctors that are dubious about the validity of AZT treatment. Dr. Sonnabend asserts that AZT represents a "tremendous investment of money and hope" that has been "based on nothing very substantial." He adds, "My sense is that doctors are waiting for their lines. They are bewildered. They are waiting for the U.S. AIDS researchers to come up with something."

OBSOLETE AND OFF TRACK?

Frustrated and irritated—even angry about the lack of concrete information to analyze—would describe the response of a dozen physicians and researchers contacted by *SF Bay Times*. Only three were dubious about the value of early intervention therapy with AZT.

"This protocol was obsolete before it started," says SF General's Dr. Stansill. "It is a dinosaur of a clinical study." He added, laughing, "It doesn't affect my prescribing habits at all—and I don't get a cent from Burroughs Wellcome." Concorde is a single three-year monotherapy treatment study using a drug that researchers and physicians now say has an effective treatment life of only 6-to-18 months. At the time the Concorde study began, it was unclear exactly how long AZT would be effective.

"The simple fact is that clinical care has outstripped the ability to do large trials," states Dr. Stansill. He argues that no one would dream of treating patients with HIV with monotherapy as described by the Concorde Study, because combination therapy is available. The issue now is when to move from AZT to other drugs, or when to move on to combination therapy, says Dr. Doug Richmond, a professor of pathology and medicine at UC San Diego and a leading AIDS researcher.

Dr. Richmond argues that the issue investigated by Concorde, whether or not to initiate early intervention therapy with AZT, or wait until symptoms develop, is outdated. "This is a chronic active persistent infection. It is inconceivable to me that not treating it is the way to go," says Dr. Richmond.

Researchers and physicians took turns turning the *Lancet* letter upside down and all around, deriving conclusions other than those stated in the letter. Dr. Margaret Fischl, director of the AIDS program at the University of Miami, says the trial shows AZT is useful in the early stages of disease process, but rapidly loses efficacy thereafter.

"My next question is exactly how long is the duration of [AZT]," says Dr. Fischl. "Do we do combination therapy? Do we use TAT inhibitors? My response is, we have had partial success; that is not surprising. [But] what do we do from here." Dr. Fischl strongly believes that early intervention is worth pursuing. She says, "There is too much we know about the pathogenesis of HIV."

Dr. Sonnabend and others say the available Concorde data shows that, at worst, AZT does no harm. Dr. Marcus Conant, director of the Conant Medical Group, goes further and says that the Concorde study firmly refutes the AZT-is-poison school of thought. "We hear so much about AZT injuring people; well, Concorde looks at those on AZT and those not on it. When you look at the three-year data, those on AZT are not showing any adverse effects."

According Dr. Conant, the next step in treatment research is already underway. "We are hoping that new studies will show that combination therapy is better. It will be a dismal day if we find that those taking AZT and ddI vs. those on combination are doing no better than on placebo."

Dr. Robert Gallo of the National Cancer Institute says there is a need for innovative treatment combinations. He says the Concorde results are not shocking and do not change the perception of the etiology of the disease. But, Dr. Gallo asks, "Can we really prolong life by targeting enzymes when the virus mutates so rapidly?... With such mutations and escape modes for the virus, we have to do alternative approaches."

DESIGNING CRITIQUES

Many U.S. critics believe that the results lack credibility due to a study-design change that occurred in the first year of the study. In 1989, AZT treatment protocol was modified worldwide, allowing people with under 500 T-cells access to the drug. Before that time, access to AZT was significantly more restricted.

The primary criticism of the Concorde study is that a significant number of individuals with HIV crossed over from the placebo group to the treatment group during the study in 1989. But according to the study's statistical data, these "crossovers" were only classified as being in the placebo group. Dr. Conant says that this research model is called an "intent to treat" analysis, which guarantees that a positive answer is truly

accurate. But, he says, the drawback is: "if it is shown not to be accurate, it may be a fluke of the numbers."

Dr. Lisa Capaldini, a Castro Street community physician with a large HIV practice, has doubts about the research methods of the study. "It is very hard to make sense of any prophylaxis intervention when there is so much crossover." She says the *Lancet* letter about the Concorde study is "a great example of how it is improper to report conclusions without analyzing the methods of their research."

CD4 DOUBTS

The only subject in the Concorde letter that prompted even-handed debate among researchers—regardless of how they feel about AZT—was the relative efficacy of CD4 as a surrogate marker. Some researchers believe the preponderance of evidence is moving away from using CD4 counts as a marker, while others remain supportive of CD4, saying such counts remain broadly, if not specifically, accurate of disease progression.

"CD4 as a sole surrogate marker is dying," states Dr. Gallo. He says that researchers still don't know which surrogate marker works best, or even if the available surrogate markers are true indicators of disease progression. Dr. Gallo suggests that even the measure of viral load in people with AIDS may not be an effective marker, because he suspects other indirect mechanisms may be involved in disease progression. "I don't know if we can escape the long-term studies like [Concorde]; these are the ultimate answers of improvement and survival," says Dr. Gallo.

San Francisco's Dr. Abrams worries, "We are getting pretty far into the disease without answering some pretty basic questions, like, 'Do changes in CD4 count correlate with anything clinical for patients?'" He believes there is sufficient doubt about the relationship of CD4 counts to disease progression that a meta-analysis of large numbers of AIDS clinical study results is needed to determine CD4's true efficacy as a surrogate marker.

That is rejected by Dr. Stansill. "You can look at every published study from today, and back ten years, and you find that progression is invariably linked to T-cell counts." Dr. Stansill acknowledges in Concorde, "T-cell counts were not important, but you can't pooh-pooh it in the general scheme of things."

While the Concorde study concluded CD4 counts were of little consequence, Dr. Richmond charges, "They gave no data to support that." Dr. Richmond argues it is essential to see how the statistical modeling was built. "It sounds nitpicky, [but] the question of how the analysis is done is fundamental... It could be the definitive study, but I think most people want to see how the conclusion was arrived at before they buy it."

Community physicians balk at abandoning CD4 counts. They say CD4 counts are exceedingly useful as a broad stroke indicator of health and disease progression, so long as such counts are not used as the sole determinant of disease progression. Dr. Bill Owen, a community physician and HIV specialist, concurred, "Clearly we need a better marker. We need some way of measuring viral antigens with PCR which will give a better measure of the virus."

But, Dr. Conant warned that if Concorde is right, and CD4 is truly not effective, then, "Do we have to have a statistically significant number of people die before a study is complete?" If so, "it means we have to go back to the drawing board and find a marker that truly indicates disease progression."

THE CONSEQUENCES AT HOME

While researchers and anti-AZT advocates are busy duking it out, community physicians in San Francisco remain attentive, but unmoved. So far, six of San Francisco's community physicians with large HIV practices contacted by *SF Bay Times* say they are cautiously monitoring the situation. After discussions with colleagues and patients, none are changing their clinical use of AZT, and all are waiting for substantive analysis of the data.

What is interesting, says Dr. Owen, is the way his patients have reacted. "Several patients have mentioned it, but we have not seen a huge response, as in the past. Patients are becoming more sophisticated. They are now waiting to see how it will be processed, before they jump to conclusions."

In any case, community physicians argue their care is tailored to individual patients' reactions to the drug, and not how numbers move on a chart. Dr. Wally Krampf says, "No one stays on that drug for more than one year, unless they are doing really well—and some people *are* doing really well."

Another community physician who declined to go on the record declared herself to be "addled" by the *Lancet* letter. That physician said both Burroughs Wellcome and the research community are suspect. "Obviously their number one goal is profit. It would not be the first time that people have made a buck... but my gut tells me that it does not make sense." That physician asserts the introduction of AZT did improve quality of life and longevity for people with AIDS, adding, "I don't want to discount [Concorde]... But one study does not a theory make."

Project Inform's reaction is similar to that of community physicians. Brenda Lein, coordinator of PI's information and advocacy department, states treatment recommendations cannot be drawn from the *Lancet* letter. "This study does not provide enough information to say that people should not take AZT. Moreover, this study [does not] provide enough information to say that people should start taking AZT. This study offers very little at this point... The wrong thing to do is to go off all antivirals." Lein added, "People who are drawing conclusions about this study and suggesting or encouraging people to stop taking AZT are putting out irresponsible health messages."

SKULLDUGGERY? POLITICS AND POTSHOTS?

There certainly seems to be more going on around the Concorde study than meets the eye, and like it or not, the study has become highly politicized. Rumors have included stock market manipulation, degraded cooperation between European and American AIDS researchers, desperate—and failed—spin control effort by Burroughs Wellcome, among other rumors. Questions remain about why the letter in the *Lancet* was signed by junior researchers on the team and not the principle investigator, Dr. Ian Weller of the MRC.

While *SF Bay Times* was unable to reach Dr. Weller, a comment he made in the *New York Times* seemed to indicate he was an opponent of anti-HIV early intervention from the get-go. Dr. Weller was quoted as stating, "Physicians like myself who tended to wait until symptoms appeared are going to be more sure they were doing the right thing." That sent New York's Dr. Grossman through the roof. "If that does not reveal investigator bias, nothing does! This guy will interpret his data to prove what he wants to prove."

Dr. Grossman says rumors are flying that Dr. Weller is making recommendations in Britain that people with high T-cells should not get drugs, and that Dr. Weller is arguing that the U.K. should not approve new drugs, like ddC and ddI, on the basis of surrogate markers' data. Dr. Grossman says, "It is quite a stretch to go from that three-quarters of page summary to [changing] national health policy."

AIDS researcher Dr. Doug Richmond has more prosaic worries about the impact of Concorde. "My concern is those who are less knowledgeable, who are looking for an excuse not to take care of themselves, are using this to rationalize not getting involved in health care....People who do not want to get tested or see doctors will have an excuse not to, and that will be the biggest impact. The people who are doing all the discussing, the knowledgeable patients and clinicians, are the ones who will be the least impacted clinically."

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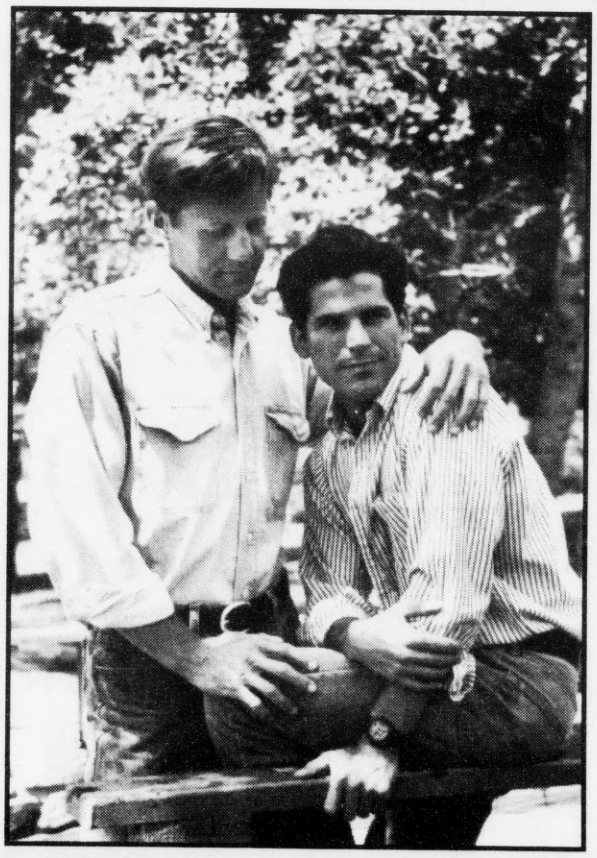

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Papering Over the Cracks In San Francisco's Gay Rights Ordinance

by Tim Kingston

San Francisco municipal officials and civil rights attorneys are scrambling to defend the City's gay rights ordinance. Despite the recent reversal of a key section of the law, Mayor Frank Jordan and several city officials and civil rights attorneys announced their intention to save the legislation from immediate demise. At an emergency press conference held April 13 Supervisor Roberta Achtenberg declared, "This law has stood as a beacon of light for gay men and lesbians in San Francisco and throughout the nation. We don't need to see this trend, what with the right wing coalescing and attacking us at every turn."

Achtenberg added, "The city attorney will do everything legally possible to protect this law that is under attack. I am heartened to see the unanimity here today." Appearing with Mayor Jordan in support of the City's gay rights law were Human Rights Commission (HRC) Executive Director Ed Lee, City Attorney Louise Renne, as well as Supervisors Carole Migden and Barbara Kaufman. Matt Coles, the ACLU attorney who actually drafted the legislation, also spoke, along with Liz Hendrickson, executive director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights.

The emergency press conference was called due to two recent court decisions in San Francisco and Los Angeles. Both decisions significantly weakened both cities' sexual orientation legislation. In both cases, judges overruled lower court decisions, stipulating that city and municipal governments are pre-empted by state law from creating a "private cause of action" in the area of sexual orientation. In other words, the judges ruled that even if sexual orientation is not specifically mentioned by state law, neither city has the power to give a private citizen the right to sue for anti-gay actions, because state law already controls or "occupies the field" of that type of civil rights legislation.

In Los Angeles on March 24, Judge Diane Wayne ruled that L.A.'s sexual-orientation antidiscrimination legislation was pre-empted by state law in the case of *Delaney vs. Fast Freight.* The Delaney case is bizarre. He was fired after making death threats to a superior and two fellow employees over the phone and on the air while speaking to a talk show psychologist. Delaney made the threats after a prolonged period of harassment at work due to his sexual orientation. On April 5, San Francisco Superior Court Judge Lucy McCabe followed Judge Wayne's example, arguing that she was bound by precedent. On April 15, Judge McCabe again followed the same reasoning and dismissed *Runkle vs. Integratec Receivable Management,* a similar case being handled by the Employment Law Center.

By removing the right to sue against homophobia, the courts eliminate a crucial weapon the San Francisco Human Rights Commission uses to prod recalcitrant employers accused of sexual orientation discrimination into compliance and/or settlements.

Cynthia Goldstein, Human Rights Commission discrimination representative, says that the court decisions "do not remove the billy club. But it does remove one of the spikes sticking out of it." Goldstein adds, "Most plaintiffs will be able to bring a lawsuit. They won't be able to do it under the City law, but [they] will be able to do it under state laws."

WHAT'S LEFT?

The rulings do not put the Human Rights Commission out of business, says HRC director Ed Lee. He explains that while the threat of a lawsuit can be useful, cases are rarely brought to court. "Of the last 100 cases we have settled this year, in 90 percent of them no one verbalized a lawsuit to get them settled. Maybe [for] a small fraction of them a threat of a lawsuit got them to sign off" and settle out of court.

These court decisions do not rule out all sexual orientation discrimination cases under the San Francisco law. Goldstein points out that the recent rulings are relevant only to the private sector. Lawsuits under public service or public accommodation are still viable— i.e., housing discrimination or services discrimination, be it in a supermarket, or a doctor or dentist's office.

"It is important for businesses who contract with the City to know this decision," says Lee. Article 33 still gives the HRC the right to discipline or terminate contracts with businesses found to discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation.

Article 33 also allows the HRC to investigate allegations of discrimination in any private venue and issue a public finding. Such findings have no legal standing. But it is an announcement that could lead to splashy headlines and bad press. "The primary goal of the HRC is mediation and investigation," says Lee. "I want a message to go out loud and clear that the local law protects San Francisco. Now more than ever, the HRC is the place to seek redress when discrimination occurs."

Lee says the April 13 press conference was called to reassure San Franciscans that the City's gay rights legislation is not entirely down the toilet. "It is worth your time to file a complaint... We were fearful that employers may pass the message down that you don't have any rights anymore."

"Granted, it may not be the biggest thing we can do," says Lee. But, "If we don't invite people to utilize our system, where else will they turn?"

COUNTERING THE COURTS

Matt Coles, author of Article 33, says proponents of local gay rights ordinances are working to appeal both the McCabe and Wayne decisions. "I have hopes that within a year we may be able to turn this around," says Coles. He adds that the ACLU will be joining the City in bringing the issue forward to the State Court of Appeals. The Appellate Court will determine whether the City must bow to the Delaney decision, which promotes state law over local law with regard to sexual orientation.

San Francisco City Attorney Louise Renne says her office is filing to intervene in the first case overturned by Judge McCabe. Renne adds, "San Francisco is filing briefs that the local law is not pre-empted."

David Shulman, an attorney for Los Angeles' special operations division, says that L.A. petitioned to join an appeal against the Delaney decision on April 8.

Coles argues that while he respects Judge McCabe's decision to follow the precedent of the Delaney case, McCabe is not actually obligated to. Coles says the "Warner" case in San Francisco, which is similar but older than Delaney and also at the Superior Court level, came to the exact opposite conclusion Judge Wayne did. He says that would give McCabe the opportunity to rule in favor of the San Francisco law.

According to Shulman, another precedent also exists that could save the enforcement arm of Article 33. In April 1990, Judge Ira Brown ruled in *Ertag vs. Western Union* that Article 33 was not pre-empted by state law. Brown ruled that State Fair Housing and Employment legislation, cited by Wayne, does not specifically mention sexual orientation. Therefore, he ruled that state legislation does not directly pre-empt the San Francisco law.

On the legislative front, Assembly Speaker Willy Brown's proposed civil rights legislation, if passed, will protect the rights of lesbians, gays and bisexuals on both state and local levels. At the April 13 press conference, Supervisor Migden stated, "I have heard that the speaker wants to put forward legislation that will eradicate the problem on a statewide basis." Migden sees the ultimate solution in electoral politics. "We do need a new Democratic governor—I am not being glib here. Until that day, which I see coming, we will take action to allow local ordinances to take precedence." ✿

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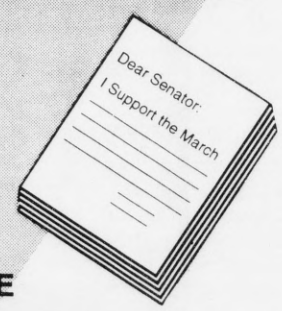

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Protests Spread on Detention Of HIV-Positive Haitians

by Dave Gilden

On Wednesday, April 14, students at the University of California in Berkeley kicked off a week-long hunger strike in protest of the detention camp for HIV-positive Haitian refugees located in the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Students at San Francisco State and Stanford universities were set to take up the strike the following week, with students at the University of California in Santa Cruz commencing a similar week-long event on April 28.

At UC Berkeley, some 280 students signed up to fast for at least one day during the protest. The rotating hunger strike was inspired by the hunger strike the Guantanamo Bay detainees participated in during the winter. The detainees cannot be sent back to Haiti because of the recognized threat of murder or imprisonment they face due to the unstable political situation back home. Yet, because of their HIV infection, the United States will not let them come into this country to pursue their political asylum claims.

Haitians have been stranded in the camp for as long as 18 months. Once numbering nearly 300, there are now 199 detained at the camp, as a trickle have been released to the United States for medical care due to their declining health. (Fifty were sent to the mainland in the last two weeks under a judge's order.) The 199 represent the last of an estimated 40,000 Haitians who fled their country after a coup toppled democratically elected Jean Bertrand Aristide. Ten thousand Haitians who tested negative for HIV were allowed into the United States to prove their claims to refugee status. The rest were sent back to Haiti, and the U.S. Coast Guard now automatically interdicts boats leaving Haiti with suspected refugees. It transports those on board back to the island.

Protesting the banning of Haitian rufugees from the United States: The forced military quarantine is a glaring example of U.S. hypocrisy. Photo by Rick Gerharter

One of the people attending the Berkeley strike's initial speakout was Naissance, who reached Miami in November, avoiding interdiction on the high seas. "I left Haiti because I didn't have a choice," Naissance said. "I had been an Aristide supporter and hid for five months after the coup. Then I was a dock worker, and a military person demanded that I steal him an expensive television set. My coworker was mistaken for me and murdered as we were transporting goods, because I refused."

Naissance was arrested when he landed in Miami and jailed in Harlingen, Texas, with 150 other refugees until his family in the Bay Area was able to post bail. "We had a very hard time in Texas," Naissance said. "There is a language problem and communication is difficult."

According to UC Berkeley student Patricia Berne, "The hunger strike has been beneficial for the whole campus and especially people participating. It has educated us about the U.S. action and about the camp. The real test of how successful we are is what the administration does now."

IRRATIONAL POLICY

The policy of singling out people with HIV infection for special exclusion while ignoring individuals with other chronic diseases is considered entirely illogical by the federal Department of Health and Human Services, a source in the department who requested anonymity told *SF Bay Times*. Individuals with cancer or other chronic health problems can enter unhindered, and a few foreigners with HIV do not appreciably add to the AIDS threat here because the virus is already so prevalent. But, the source lamented, decisions about HIV exclusion have been taken out of HHS's hands and moved to political operatives in the White House.

Terry Mullen of the San Francisco State Committee to Free the Haitians noted that his group is a coalition of ethnic studies department members, gay and lesbians, and people of color. "We all agree that this is an unjust situation that needs to end," he says. "The people in Guantanamo are caught in a Catch-22. They are forced to live in inhuman conditions, like Bosnia. The U.S. is hypocritical on the refugee question. It is willing to criticize other countries, but when it comes to the poor, Black and HIV-positive, it acts the same way as others do."

Students at 20 campuses across the country are engaging in hunger strikes and building miniature Camp Clintons out of chicken wire. They are calling for an end to the forced detention of HIV-positive people, the cessation of the interdiction policy and the return of Aristide to power in Haiti—all of which were Clinton campaign promises.

The movement started in early March at Yale University, some of whose law students have been representing the detained Haitians in a lawsuit to get them released. African-American Yale law student Van Jones, who has worked tirelessly to coordinate the hunger strike movement, sees the strikes primarily as a publicity effort. He says, "The overwhelming majority of people, when they find out about [the Guantanamo camp], are really shocked. Once you accept that forced military quarantine is a proper response anywhere, it's difficult to oppose it anywhere else. This scares people."

Jones also sees the movement as a model for future protests. "The Guantanamo protest brings together different movements—HIV, gay and lesbian, students of color, peace and international human rights groups, solidarity organizations, and also women's organizations because of abuse of women in the camps," he says. "The mobilization of these many groups is exciting to see. It points the way forward for progressive students to mass multicultural movements with concrete demands rather than isolated single issues."

On April 19, several ACT UP chapters participated in a national day of actions relating to the Haitian refugee issue. Events took place in 20 cities (though not in San Francisco). Still, some in the AIDS community argue that the Haitians with HIV should be kept out because it's hard enough for us to get health care already. Other activists counter that it is costing more to maintain the Guantanamo camp than to provide treatment here, and that the detention has little to do with allocating expensive health resources.

Finally, Haitian activists assert that the detention issue is offering the chance to build new coalitions that might go on to push for increases in the health care dollars available for fighting the epidemic. ✿

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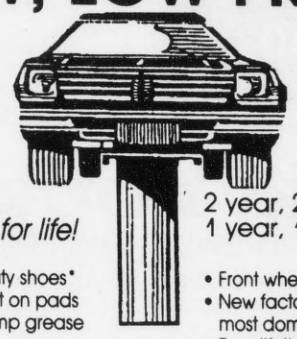

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Pain Management: Knotty Issues Explored At SF Seminar

by Dave Gilden

Ray's immune system was in decline because of his HIV infection. His T-cell count was down to 200 when a massive case of shingles broke out. Ray's doctor put him on morphine, but after two weeks decided that Ray, a former heroin addict, had had enough. Ray, still in agony from the shingles attacking his sensory nerves, found that nothing he took gave him relief. Tragically and unnecessarily, he finally committed suicide.

Ray presented the triple problem of chemical dependency, AIDS and pain that has many doctors confounded. Most physicians frown on using addictive medications to counter pain in former or present habitual substance users. Yet people with AIDS come to their physicians with a wide range of illnesses attacking most parts of the body, from the gums to the digestive tract to internal organs. Sickness hurts; that's the way the body is built.

People with AIDS have a special problem with HIV-related nerve damage, or peripheral neuropathy. The injured nerve fibers tend to fire at random, leading to agonizing sensations. A survey last year by San Francisco's Community Consortium network of AIDS specialists found that more than a third of people with painful neuropathy needed narcotics for symptom relief.

Earlier this month, the San Francisco Treatment Research Unit (SFTRU) held a half-day seminar to help care providers clear up these issues for substance-abusing clients with AIDS and other diseases. The SFTRU is a collaboration by local substance abuse services to help slow the spread of AIDS.

According to one of the speakers, Dr. H. Westley Clark, who is chief of substance abuse programs at the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center, the basic moral issue is clear-cut: It is unethical to deny pain relief when medically practical simply because a patient is addicted, he said.

California law is ambiguous on the legality of administering controlled substances to addicts, however. A state law passed in 1990 is supposed to protect doctors who use such means to treat intractable pain. But the law specifically refuses to authorize such treatment for patients who use recreational drugs. Still, Clark insisted, there is no justification for making patients suffer because of fear of the law.

A great variety of therapies exist for pain control other than narcotics, of course. Many of these are simple, low-tech approaches like self-hypnosis, aspirin and acupuncture. Others, including deep brain stimulation with electrodes—at a price of $25,000 or more—are very invasive and expensive.

The most common class of drugs used for HIV-related peripheral neuropathy is tricyclic antidepressants. They allow people with neuropathy to distance themselves from their pain, making it more tolerable. The tricyclics have a host of side effects, though, including heart attacks, anxiety, restlessness and skin rashes. Not the least of these complications is the ease with which patients can use tricyclics to commit suicide in a fit of despair over their condition.

After reviewing 18 alternative treatment strategies, one of the speakers at the SFTRU conference, UCSF pain expert Dr. Michael C. Rowbotham concluded that opiates, morphine and related drugs frequently are the safest and easiest to administer. They are effective for the largest range of pain-provoking conditions and have the fewest side effects. The most common adverse effect is mental cloudiness, and this tends to go away with prolonged treatment. There also are standard antidotes to opiate poisoning.

Opiates are generally avoided because doctors are afraid of creating junkies, but Dr. Karen Sees of UCSF and the VA Medical Center pointed out at the conference that recent studies are finding almost no cases of addiction arising from pain management therapy. Environment and personal predisposition have a major influence on the development of addiction. The euphoric state that recreational opiate users seek is perceived as an annoying dulling effect by those merely seeking relief from pain.

Using narcotics in pain treatment creates a situation far different from street use. The drugs improve people's daily functioning rather than disrupt it. Paradoxically, Sees noted, inadequate pain relief creates people who look like addicts. The way to improve this is to increase the drug dose.

It is difficult to determine who is a pseudo addict and who is a real one. This is particularly the case in people considered to have a history of substance abuse, and therefore constantly under suspicion of trying to dupe care providers in order to obtain more drugs.

Concerning opiates, especially in people with chemical dependency tendencies, Rowbotham said, "Other people think, 'Forget it, there are too many problems.' I think that [opiates] need careful management."

Specialists interested in rationalizing pain management have developed a set of procedures to protect themselves and their patients when prescribing opiates. The first step is to carefully document the patient's medical history and the failure of alternative treatments. The second is to create an individual treatment plan that is frequently revised based on the patient's progress. Input from other specialists is also highly recommended, as are such adjunct treatments as physical therapy to reduce the amount of opiates needed. An important contribution to pain relief is psychological intervention to reduce depression, which both contributes to and arises from chronic pain.

The most important element is to involve the patients themselves. Pain and its management differ from person to person according to the individual's makeup and environment. Speakers at the conference stressed that only by putting patients in an active, responsible role can care providers produce a sensible, successful treatment strategy. ✿

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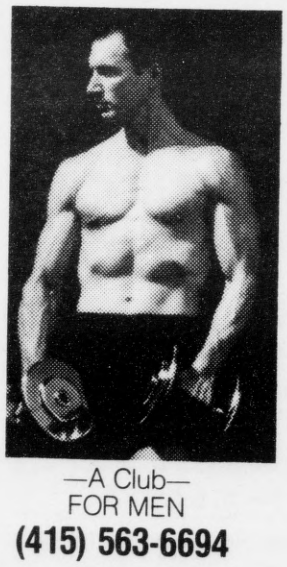

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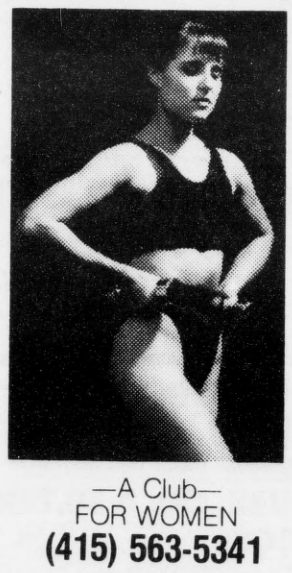

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Queers & Clinton Meet

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Queers were full of hope when they left a meeting with President Bill Clinton on April 17. The prez promised support for gay/lesbian/bisexual causes, but said he'll be out of town for the National March on April 25.

Still, the meeting represents the first time a president has sat down with queer leaders. The much-touted meeting between former President Jimmy Carter and gay/lesbian leaders was not attended by the chief exec himself. Clinton's promises to leaders included a renewed commitment to issue an executive order on the military by July 15.

Says Torie Osborne, new head of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, "I think it's clearly an indication that the signals continue to come from the highest level of leadership in this country that gay men and lesbians are part of the American family."

While Clinton used the excuse of a previous engagement in Boston to avoid speaking at the march, according to an AP report, the president didn't confirm that engagement until the day before his meeting with queer leaders.

Activists at the meeting: Tim McFeeley of the Human Rights Campaign Fund; Phill Wilson of the Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum; Nadine Smith and Billy Hileman of the March on Washington Committee; William Waybourn of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund; and Andrew Barrer of Coalition 93.

No Dykes

OKLAHOMA CITY - The city's human rights commission is investigating a nightclub that had "No Dykes" posted on a lighted sign advertising specials. About 50 members of the gay rights group Simply Equal marched on April 16 outside the bar in protest of the sign.

The bar's owner, Nicole Rankin, said that she was offended by how women behaved in the bar, not by their sexual orientation. Helen Miller, co-chair of Simply Equal, says that her group "just want(s) to show that this discrimination happens."

Everybody's Got A Queer Brother

WACO - David Koresh, the self-proclaimed Jesus Christ of Waco, Texas, who was recently killed when his compound went up in flames, has a half-brother who is queer.

Thomas Howell, in an interview with the *Philadelphia Gay News*, says that his half-brother, the messiah wannabe, probably doesn't know he's queer. "I don't think he really asked or cared," Howell says.

Asked if his half-brother would condemn him for being queer, Howell says, "He'd wholeheartedly object to it. He interprets the Bible the way he wants to—strictly."

Shelley Wants Hearings on Domestic Partners

SAN FRANCISCO - Supervisor Kevin Shelley wants a hearing on the issue of the availability of health benefits for registered domestic partners of city employees and for retirement benefits for domestic partners of state employees.

Shelley called for changes in the municipal Health Service System rules that require newly registered domestic partners to wait until Open Enrollment before they can register their partners. He wants the same rules applied to registered domestic partners as apply to married couples, who can register within 60 days of their ceremony.

Finally, Shelley asked that the hearing look into the issue of granting retirement benefits to registered domestic partners.

BiNet Meets With NGLTF

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Three representatives of BiNet USA met recently with Peri Jude Radecic, deputy director of Public Policy for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), to discuss bisexual inclusion in the civil rights and educational work of the national queer group.

After itemizing BiNet's concerns about inclusion and biphobia in the national movement, the two groups discussed ways of collaborating. Radecic suggested a half-day or a full-day retreat for BiNet USA representatives to speak with NGLTF staff about bi inclusion and sensitivity regarding sexual diversity. And BiNet folks will meet with NGLTF's new director Torie Osborn.

Sailors Acquitted In Gay Bashing

WILMINGTON - Three Camp Lejeune Marines who allegedly attacked Crae Pridgen outside a Wilmington, Del., gay bar were acquitted by a judge who said their action was self defense. Pridgen maintains the incident was a gay bashing.

Judge Jacqueline Morris-Goodson said prosecutors failed to show an assault occurred. During the trial, an employee of the bar testified that Pridgen rushed into the middle of the fracas. "If he had stayed where he was," Hardold Bradley said, "nothing would have happened. It wasn't a gay bashing. It was just a regular bar fight."

Defense lawyer Vaughn Taylor said Pridgen lied, "and that was his undoing." He says attorneys did the best they could considering that Pridgen "just was not truthful."

But Pridgen maintains otherwise. He said lead defense lawyer John Burney "tainted him as a criminal and all I was was a victim." Pridgen says he plans a civil suit against the Marines for damages.

Activists Gather in Colorado

DENVER - About 250 gay/lesbian/bisexual activists from 10 states recently gathered in this Colorado city to strategize around countering far right attacks and discuss tactics for repealing the state's anti-gay Amendment 2.

Activists shared experiences, networked and attended workshops and caucuses covering grassroots and campaign organizing, media advocacy, coalition-building and other issues. A panel on the religious right and its agenda kicked off the summit.

A Midwest "Fight the Right" regional summit is next on the activists' schedules. It's slated for Cincinnati, Ohio, in September. For more info, contact the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, 1734 14th St. NW, Washington, D.C., 20009. (202) 332-6483.

First Nationwide Domestic Violence Study

SAN FRANCISCO - According to the Family Violence Prevention Fund's recently released public opinion survey on domestic violence, more Americans report witnessing incidents of domestic violence than robberies and muggings combined.

The survey—the most comprehensive to date—was the subject of the U.S. House Subcommittee on Health and Environment's hearing on April 19. The research for the study consisted of 12 focus groups in five cities, a national survey of 1,000 Americans nationwide and additional surveys of 300 African Americans, 300 Latinos and 300 Asian Americans.

In the wake of the study, the Prevention Fund is launching a multi-year national public education and media campaign, whose message is "There's No Excuse for Domestic Violence."

Gunn Foundation Established

ARLINGTON - Eleanor Smeal, president of the Feminist Majority Foundation, announced the establishment of a tax-deductible Dr. David Gunn Memorial Account in memory of the physician murdered by an anti-abortion protester.

Sally Bingham, feminist and writer, pledged $25,000 to the account, which will assist the education of Gunn's children and aid other victims of violence directed toward health-care workers and patients by anti-abortionists.

The Feminist Majority Foundation conducts the leading defense project in the nation. For more info on the account, call (703) 522-2214.

Demo after split King verdict: The people say all four are guilty. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

New Study: 1 Percent Gay?

WASHINGTON - According to a new $1.8 million study funded by tax dollars, only 1 percent of 3,300 men interviewed are exclusively gay. Two-point-three percent of the men have had a homosexual experience in the past decade.

The study, which was designed to find ways to encourage safe sex, came up with what is being touted as a wealth of data on men's sex lives. But many are doubting the study's estimation of gay men, usually considered to be 10 percent of the population (based on the Kinsey studies in the '40s).

Researcher Joseph Catania of the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies at the University of California, who studies human sexuality, says men are often unwilling "to acknowledge their homosexuality in an interview."

A Letter for Queer Youth

SAN FRANCISCO - The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/San Francisco Bay Area Chapter is asking that letters be sent to state representatives urging them to reject any candidate for superintendent of public instruction who has not made a commitment to gay/lesbian/bisexual youth.

The state Legislature is currently holding hearings into whether conservative Sen. Marian Bergeson should be the next superintendent. But Bergeson has been silent on queer student issues.

In addition to calling state legislators, letters should go to: Tom Hanigan, Assembly Majority Leader, State Capitol, Room 3104, Sacramento, CA 95814; Jim Brulte, Assembly Minority Leader, State Capitol, Room 2114, Sacramento, 95814; David Roberti, President Pro Tempore, State Capitol, Room 205, Sacramento, 95814; and William Craven, State Capitol, Room 307, Sacramento, CA 95814. Send copies of letters you send or receive to: GLAAD, 514 Castro, SF 94114.

Still Suing for Foster Care

TAMPA - Two lesbians who had their foster child taken away from them are still suing the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services despite the fact that they are no longer a couple.

Bonnie Matthews and Elaine Kohler are continuing with the suit in order to change a state policy that prohibits queers from being foster parents. The department says the two were not truthful when they hid their relationship from social workers. But Matthews says their relationship was "not pertinent to our ability to parent a child."

The department's lawyers say the action against the women had nothing to do with their lesbian relationship, but rather with a policy against unmarried couples.

Dignity to Protest Pope's Visit

DENVER - In a replay of the last visit of the pontiff to the United States, members of Dignity, the lesbian/gay/bisexual organization, plan to greet Pope John Paul II with protest signs. The pope will be in Denver from Aug. 12-15 as part of World Youth Day.

Says Dugan McGinley of Dignity/Denver, "We want to use this opportunity to make our issues known while the world's attention is focused on Denver."

But a World Youth Day spokesperson, Sister Mary Ann Walsh, says, "Politicizing the event in order to attract media attention ill-serves young people and others who work for harmony."

Florida Fight to Cost Millions

TALLAHASSEE - The fight against a planned state anti-gay amendment will cost Florida queers $3 million.

But David Caton, president of the American Family Association/Florida chapter, has not revealed his group's nasty plans to prohibit gay/lesbian rights in his state. Last year, Caton's group successfully defeated the Tampa gay rights ordinance.

So queers aren't taking any chances this time around. "We will have the best pollsters, the best media, the best phone banks, the best of what we need to fight them every step of the way," says Jeff Peters, founder of Floridians Respect Everyone's Equality.

Bits & Pieces

- An out gay man, Douglas Schar, has just published *Thirty Plants That Can Save Your Life*, a book on herbs that promote health. Based on information from herbal and medical lore from around the world, the book contains dozens of fascinating observations and anecdotes. The book is available at local bookstores.
- Before you leave for D.C. this weekend, you might want to re-confirm your reservations at Washington hotels. According to Gerard Palmeri, co-chair of the SF Organizing Committee, many D.C. hotels are overbooked. Also, he says, volunteers are still needed for the march. Call 1-800-832-2889 to lend a hand.
- On June 1 the Navy will begin court-martial proceedings in Japan for a sailor accused of murdering gay fellow sailor Allen Schindler. Terry Helvey has not entered a plea in the murder.
- The AIDS Action Council recently praised President Bill Clinton's fiscal year 1994 AIDS budget as "a sea change in presidential leadership." The budget contains over a half billion in increases (28 percent) for HIV-related research, prevention and health-care services.
- The San Francisco AIDS Foundation has a new volunteer director: Eileen Blumenthal. She comes on board with four years of experience at

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the Bar Association of San Francisco's Volunteer Legal Services Program.

• The South Carolina House endorsed a bill that lists "homosexuals and bisexuals" among those unfit to adopt children in the state. Others on the list include convicted criminals. Said one representative, "Once a person has admitted to being a homosexual...it is inferred that sodomy is part of the relationship. And that's a crime." Opponents of the measure think it is unconstitutional.

• The Washington State Senate voted to include queers among those protected from harassment in the proposed malicious harassment law. The measure would also prohibit cross-burnings and the display of swastikas.

• Tony Kushner won the Pulitzer drama prize for *Millenium Approaches*, part of his *Angels in America* series that tackles AIDS in the Reagan era. The playwright said he shared the award with "may gay sisters and brothers and with everyone fighting the war against AIDS, bigotry and injustice."

• Avant-garde filmmaker Todd Haynes, pop art sculptor Claes Oldenburg, poet Debora Greger and instrumental and electronic music composer Arthur Kreiger received Brandeis University's Jack I. and Lillian L. Poses Creative Arts Awards in an April 22 ceremony on the school's Walham, Mass. campus.

• A group of federal judges, prominent lawyers and law students have launched a new program to serve poor and disadvantaged communities. It's called the National Association for Public Interest Law. Fellowships funded by the association in its first year include projects addressing domestic violence, Native American children's rights and persons with AIDS and HIV. For info, write 1118 22nd St. NW third floor, Washington, D.C. 20037. (202) 466-3686.

• American baritone William Parker died of AIDS on April 4. Parker, long a champion of new American music, organized the AIDS Quilt Songbook, containing poems written by PWAs or others set to music by premier American composers.

• The San Francisco AIDS Foundation has kicked off a safe sex campaign directed at users of the drug ecstasy at Cyclops, a dance club at 525 Harrison St. Informational cards addressing the issue of safe sex while using ecstacy were distributed.

• The International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA) was granted roster consultative status as a non-governmental organization by the U.N.'s Economic and Social Council. This allows ILGA to submit papers to the U.N. on issues concerning the worldwide lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgendered community.

• Local San Francisco activist Don C. Henry died from a massive heart attack on April 9. He was 46. Henry served on the board of Theatre Rhinoceros and many human rights organizations. He was also instrumental in developing policies on gay non-discrimination for the Western Region of the National Park Service. He was a recipient of the Cable Car Award in 1992 and a "Sammy" from Federal Lesbians and Gays.

• The repeal effort to nix the Anchorage, Alaska, gay rights bill has been ruled biased in its wording. So it didn't appear on the ballot on April 20. The state Supreme Court wants voters to await a ruling from a lower court on the question of bias.

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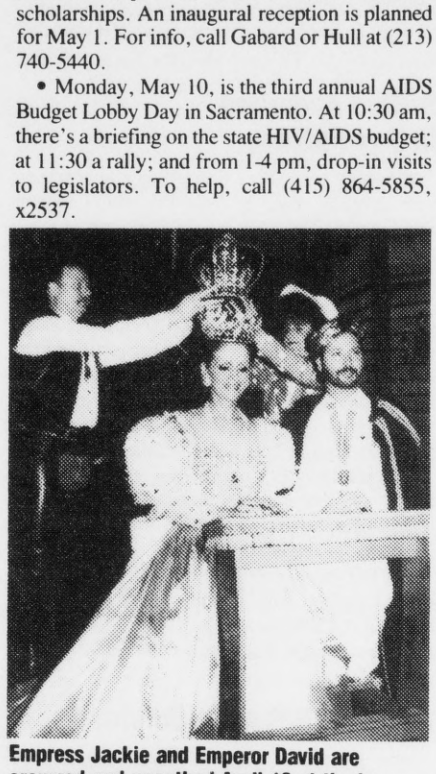
• Former umpire Dave Pallone and the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/New York want sports writer Bobby Bonilla to apologize for using the word "faggot" in his fight with *New York Daily News* writer Bob Klapisch. "If I did use the word in the heat of a private personal argument that was filmed without my knowledge, I'm sorry," Bonilla said. "I never meant to offend anyone."

• The Lambda Alumni Association, representing the interests of gay/lesbian/bisexual alumni, has been recognized by the University of Southern California. The group plans to fund several types of scholarships—from cash awards to research scholarships. An inaugural reception is planned for May 1. For info, call Gabard or Hull at (213) 740-5440.

• Monday, May 10, is the third annual AIDS Budget Lobby Day in Sacramento. At 10:30 am, there's a briefing on the state HIV/AIDS budget; at 11:30 a rally; and from 1-4 pm, drop-in visits to legislators. To help, call (415) 864-5855, x2537.



Empress Jackie and Emperor David are crowned and wreathed April 10 at the investiture ceremonies at the City Hall Rotunda.

Photo by Rink

• Saturday, May 22, is the "Women and Cancer Walk for Our Lives" in Sharon Meadow, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco. To pledge or to walk, call (415) 487-6224.

• The Pacific Center in Walnut Creek, a center for gay/lesbian/bi/transgendered folks, now has a therapy service for Contra Costa County. If you're experiencing a problem, call (510) 939-8818.

• The San Francisco Department of Public Health's Tobacco Free Project is requesting proposals from qualified applicants to coordinate a project serving the gay/lesbian/bisexual community. The project will be funded to the tune of $80,000. Proposals are due May 17. A "How to Apply" workshop will be held at 1 pm at 1540 Market St., Suite 250. For info, call (415) 554-9152.

• Joe Lambert, Leonard Pitt and Ellen Sebastian, artistic directors of Life on the Water, announced that after months of planning, Life on the Water will relinquish management of the theater facility located at Building B, Fort Mason as of July 1. Life will continue presenting works in San Francisco venues that are best suited for the individual artists.

• In what the *New York Post* called "Gays vs. Gays," some queer activists are accusing the National March on Washington folks of trying to muzzle the more radical elements of the community at the April 25 event. Says Michael Petrelis of Queer Nation/D.C., "They want a suit-and-tie image." But March co-chair Billy Hileman insists that "there's been an open invitation for every organization to be on board."

• The Physicians Association for AIDS Care and Stadtlanders Pharmacy have released *HIV Disease Nutrition Guidelines: Practical Steps for a Healthier Life*, a 21-page free booklet that offers easy-to-follow nutritional recommendations for people living with HIV/AIDS. Call 1-800-238-7828 for a copy.

• Frameline, the organizers of the annual San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Film Festival, has a new director: Jill Jacobs. Jacobs comes on board with 12 years of experience in the administration and leadership of nonprofit community-based groups. She's also worked as an AIDS advocate and for lesbian and gay rights on a national level.

• According to a poll among queer film and video makers, the top ten films of all time include the *Times of Harvey Milk* and *Imitation of Life*. The poll, conducted by Frameline, found that John Waters' fav is *The Wizard of Oz*; Gus Van Sant loves *A Clockwork Orange*, and Barbara Hammer prefers *Bambi*.

• Friends of the Urban Forest has received two government contracts to plant nearly 1,700 trees in San Francisco in 1993 at no cost to the community. Neighborhoods targeted include the Castro, Richmond, Sunset, Bayview-Hunters Point and Visitacion Valley.

• Celestial Arts/Ten Speed Press has sent a copy of the new edition of *Positively Gay* by Betty Berzon to every member of Congress. The book offers info on various aspects of gay life. Something Congress can certainly use.

• *Newsweek* will provide substantial coverage of the 1993 March on Washington. That's the word after a meeting with national gay/lesbian leaders in D.C. The 1987 March on Washington was barely covered by the national news magazine.

• Insurance Commissioner John Garamendi has issued licenses to three companies that specialize in "living benefits" contracts, the first such companies to be licensed by a government agency. These allow terminally ill individuals to cash in life insurance policies. A large percentage of those taking advantage of the options offered by "living benefit" contracts have tested positive for HIV or have already contracted AIDS.

• The Hate Marches On: At least five counties and one city are expected to vote on the Oregon Citizens Alliance's latest anti-gay measures on June 29. The fundamentalist group failed to gain enough signatures for the ballot in four other cities. In other areas lawsuits are keeping the measure off the ballot.

• A gay man is accusing San Diego City Councilmember George Stevens and an aide of making anti-gay remarks. Peter Ray says that Stevens said, "I'd like to see all gays and lesbians put in a gas chamber." Stevens' aide, Luis Natividad, is accused of saying, "We don't see faggots here." Ray is taking his case to the city Human Relations Commission. Stevens is of course denying that he and Natividad made the comments.

• Maine Gov. John R. McKernan Jr. is threatening to veto a gay rights bill if it passes the state Legislature. About 40 queer activists are conducting a nightly vigil outside the governor's mansion to pressure him not to veto the bill on its ninth attempt to become law. If it passes, Maine becomes the ninth state to legalize protections for queers. Stay tuned.

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"Oh, God, I can no longer deny the truth of what I am. I am a homosexual and that's all there is to it. The church says it's a sin. If it is, I'd rather be honest and tell the truth about myself than to lie about what I am, for Jesus said it is a far worse sin to be a liar and conceal the truth."

The prayer marked the beginning of my coming out, which was completed four years later when I marched in my first gay parade and came out to my family.

Now, 15 years after my first coming out, I am going through another coming out process: After six years of involvement with the pagan community—and at the same time, reclaiming my Native American heritage and spirituality (I'm half Cherokee)—I am now coming to terms with bisexual feelings I never before knew I had.

Although I will always be primarily attracted sexually to men, I can no longer claim to be a six on the Kinsey Scale of sexual orientation (zero being exclusively heterosexual, six being exclusively homosexual). At this point, my Kinsey Scale rating has shifted to at least a five.

I hesitate to openly identify myself as a bisexual at this time only because I'm still a virgin in terms of sex with a woman. But "gay" is no longer an accurate description of me, either, so in one respect, Nygel, I'm in the same dilemma you're in. Neither you nor I can really call ourselves "gay" anymore. But where you and I part company is in using the word "queer" to identify ourselves.

I will never understand why anyone would want to call himself or herself a "queer." No matter what spin you try to put on it, you cannot alter the fact that "queer" is a homophobic slur, just as "nigger" is a racist slur. Even when African Americans call each other "nigger," they do it with the clear intent of putting each other down. That's internalized racism (I'm one-quarter African American, so I know from almost 40 years' experience whereof I speak.)

I'm sorry, Nygel, but for any gay man, lesbian or bisexual to call himself or herself a "queer" is to engage in internalized homophobia. I absolutely refuse to be identified by a word that is defined in the dictionary as "abnormal," "mentally unbalanced" and "deranged." To do so would be a slap in the face to those of us who struggled for years to wipe out the notion that homosexuality and bisexuality are mental illnesses.

We are not abnormal; we are not mentally unbalanced; we are not deranged; we are not sick. I deeply resent anyone telling me that I must identify myself by a word that means exactly what I am not. And I also resent anyone saying that because I oppose using the "Q" word I am a self-loathing assimilationist, while they themselves reinforce the worst stereotypes of gay, lesbian and bisexual people and are too self-absorbed to realize it.

You, Nygel, are bi. I am a gay man now in the process of coming out bi. But I am absolutely, positively not "queer." And if you really value your self-esteem, Nygel, neither are you.

D.B. Sanders
Berkeley

Empower Ourselves

Justice has been served this time, but there is no guarantee for justice in the future. Former Los Angeles Police Officers Stacey Koon and Lawrence Powell were finally found guilty of depriving Rodney King of his civil rights by using excessive force to arrest him.

I walked through the Tenderloin at noon on the day the verdict was announced, and listened to the St. Boniface bells ringing clearly. There were no screaming looters, no crashing windows, no cries from victims, no sirens sounding. The "forgotten" people of the Tenderloin, of Chinese, Korean, African and European descent, many addicted to alcohol and drugs, went about their daily lives without the threat of physical harm. This scene affirmatively answered Rodney King's question to the nation, "Can't we all just get along?" The Tenderloin, for me at that time, was the beauty of living in culturally diverse San Francisco.

Had ex-officers Koon and Powell been acquitted, the Tenderloin, in a matter of minutes, would have become a paradise for police officers who believe excessive use of force is justice. I sense that as this nation's "marginalized" communities grow, and the desire to "fight" crime intensifies, the more I can expect to be arrested with the use of excessive force and the less I can expect the arresting officer to be found guilty of violating my civil rights.

To the people of the Tenderloin who do not vote, to residents of other depressed neighborhoods who do not vote, to our young people who do not vote because they distrust the system, and to others who have no faith in the system, and therefore do not vote, I urge you to become politically "ex-marginalized" by registering to vote. The right to vote puts you in the pool of people to serve on a jury. The right to vote, coupled with the intention to exercise your right, is power. Your power, coupled with the power of others, is protection. Protection may not always prevent you from being brutalized by police officers, but protection, in the form of our collective power, decreases the risk of being brutalized, whether we live in the Tenderloin, the Castro or in other neighborhoods. Register to vote, as members of the jury who found Koon and Powell guilty have done. Let us empower and protect ourselves through the vote.

Pamela Ayo Yetunde
San Francisco

Healing at Shanti

Like many other people recently, I have experienced frustration, anger and confusion about the mistakes and poor judgments made by Shanti Project before and during the administrative and financial audits by the AIDS office. As a long-term Shanti volunteer, the negative publicity surrounding Shanti's inability to track its own finances is disturbing and difficult to accept. Shanti has been involved with many controversies, but having survived other crises does not diminish the importance of this current one or the pain that it causes.

In the middle of all of this, I have to remind myself of the original commitment I had made to myself to do work with Shanti. This commitment was somehow to make a contribution to the human services needed by the communities affected with HIV. Each time an AIDS organization becomes embroiled in conflict, I realize how the administration of the business of healing is so very different from the actual process of giving healing to individuals. For myself, it is the latter on which I need to remain focused in order to continue to believe in and be proud of the work that I and my co-workers do.

In my experience at Shanti, I have seen volunteers and staff members make a real and positive contribution to the individual lives of people affected with HIV and AIDS. Likewise, I have seen clients impact and enrich the experiences of those giving them care. I have seen volunteers who, in their own time of need, make their own transition to becoming clients. And I have seen clients whose lives have been enhanced to the point that they have, in turn, become volunteers. These examples are as much integral parts of the Shanti Model as the official clinical

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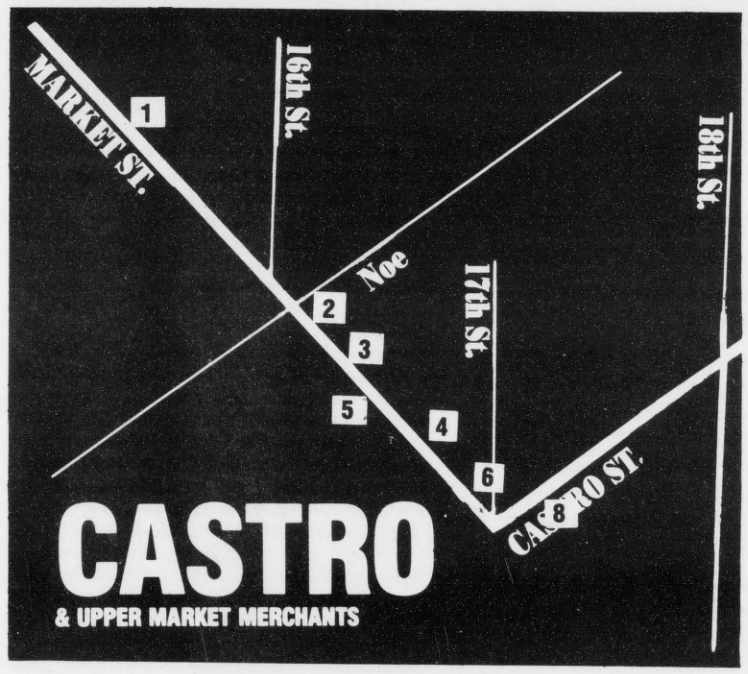

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definition. And even though reality dictates that non-profit organizations must follow certain business and ethical models, it is the Shanti model of peer support that draws my commitment and continues to validate my involvement with Shanti as an organization. I am grateful that Shanti has shown me that direct personal care is also direct political action—it is a way of demonstrating commitment to our communities, of empowering and supporting our disenfranchised, and of sharing and reflecting our human experience.

In these difficult times of adverse public perception and critical scrutiny, I am hoping that all Shanti volunteers and staff members will be able to revitalize their dedication to continue our work which is so very worthy of our efforts.

Larry Yang
San Francisco

Harvey Would Have Loved It!

In 1978, at San Francisco's Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration, recently elected Supervisor Harvey Milk called for a national demonstration in Washington, D.C., to move the gay agenda forward. I marched in that parade, along with the country's first gay physicians' group, Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights. I didn't know Harvey well but our paths did cross from time to time in the Castro. Needless to say, he was a role model for many of us. If Harvey had not been assassinated a few months later, I think he could have become the Great Organizer of this year's march, much like Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was for the Civil Rights March on Washington in 1963. I find it no coincidence that our march is exactly 30 years after Rev. King's. At that time we had the most outspoken president on civil rights issues since Abraham Lincoln; now we have the most outspoken president on lesbian and gay issues in history. 1963 marked the largest demonstration for African-American equality; 1993 will mark the largest demonstration for lesbian and gay equality. In fact, with more than 1 million expected, this will be the largest demonstration at the nation's capitol in the history of this country, and Dr. King's principles of civil disobedience and non-violence are as relevant for us today as they were then.

Sometimes fate and faith intersect at just the right time. Who would have thought it possible, even a year ago, for the gay ban on the military to be discussed, much less to ignite such a national dialogue? Who could have possibly dreamed that we would watch hours and hours of nationally televised hearings about who we are and what we do? The March on Washington in 1987 was very affirming, but got little media attention and was completely dismissed by Reagan and his lethargic, neglectful administration. This time we will not go unnoticed by the mainstream press, the networks, the White House, families in Middle America, *or* the religious right and homophobes everywhere.

Having attended 15 pride parades in San Francisco, I expect there may be numerous interesting forms of individual expression that will "challenge" Mr. and Mrs. Straight America. But which ones will the image-makers choose to show? Will it be the two older gay men who will "marry" after 20 years of commitment and sharing, or the two men with dog collars and leashes? Will it be the topless women on motorcycles or the two lesbians who are successfully co-parenting children? Will it show the most outrageous of those parading in drag or the most courageous of those living with HIV?

Somehow, if Harvey were still around, I doubt that he would discourage, much less condemn, any (legal) form of expression. He would thank us for showing our pride, our determination, our passion, our caring. He would probably remind us of the incredible opportunity we have to show the whole world "the truth about homosexuals," that we are basically like everyone else: Most of us do our jobs. We care about each other and our families. We care about our country in spite of its oppression of us. Most of us are, in fact, quite decent human beings who *have* made contributions to our society, a society that has begun to be more aware of the discrimination based on color, religion, sex, age and so on. When more heterosexuals understand that homophobia really *is* just another form of discrimination, they won't need to be so angry, or so fearful of us.

Harvey loved to tell stories and give examples to explain a point he was making. Today if he were asked how we should dress or behave in Washington, he might just ask us to imagine that the two or three people we most respect and care about could be watching us at the march and the other public demonstrations. If we imagine that possibility and use that concept as a yardstick, most of us would make wise choices about the "photo opportunities" that will exist that extraordinarily rare weekend.

I don't know how many times I've thought, "If Harvey were here what would he do?" Of course, he is *not* here. However, he is not forgotten. Harvey always emphasized the importance of "coming out," and as hundreds of thousands of us "come out" in just a few days, his spirit lives on. See you at the march and walk tall! We are on a noble and worthwhile journey.

Richard L. Andrews, M.D.
San Francisco

Carole Migden look-alike contest at Product to raise funds for the March on Wash: Runner-up Supervisor Barbara Kaufman (r), and winner Patsy Cline of the Memphis G-Spots (second from left).

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Sister, Wise Up

"No traumatized, hate-filled incest survivor." I was horrified to encounter this vicious statement in personal ad #5031 (*SF Bay Times*, March 25). Obviously the woman who wrote this ad has got serious issues of her own, if she felt the need to write such a hateful statement about other lesbians.

As a lesbian incest survivor, I have spent years healing from the trauma of my childhood. No child asks to be raped, so why don't you give the hundreds of thousands of lesbian sexual abuse victims the credit we deserve for surviving. Survivors have had enough violent backlash, disbelief and hatred from greater society for speaking out; do we really need to hear it from another lesbian? Sister, wise up, open your heart, and how about sparing us all the boredom of your ignorance.

Just another hate-filled incest survivor.

Lara Michelle
San Francisco

A Note to Readers: This is a phrase in a personal ad that slipped through our process. While very few ads require any changes at all, we occasionally ask advertisers to remove negative stereotyping from their ads. We believe it's just as easy to state in a positive way what someone wants. In this case, the ad slipped through our process and it ran as written. Apologies to those who were offended by it.

Neat Tricks at Shanti

Hey! What a neat trick! Take a $2.7 million budget, cook it for 21 months so badly that it's so messed up even the SF AIDS office says it may never be able to figure out where the money went; take rent money from PWAs, use it to hire your friends for administrative jobs, overbill the AIDS office for the rent, then say you're sorry and, oh by the way, we need an infusion of cash right away (*B.A.R.*, March 18, page 6) so that not only will the community and donors forgive and forget, but they'll also give even more money to be misused.

What's the payoff? Executive Director Eric Rofes gets to go on international trips and speaking engagements and be famous; he's much too busy to stay home and run Shanti. Deputy Executive Director Melinda "it's-not-part-of-my-job" Paras gets a seat on the SF Health Commission, now so compromised she can't vote on basic AIDS funding as Shanti continues to try to be all things to all people for all money applying for all grants, and besides "my primary interest on the Health Commission is not with AIDS" (*B.A.R.* interview, March 18, page 17) even while she takes a salary from one in order to be compromised. That's a slick way for Frank Jordan to have his conservative votes on the board really mean something. A notoriously "heads-in-the-sand" board of directors of Shanti issues yet another mealy-mouthed letter filled with excuses and poor defenses so that they and their upper management may keep their jobs and quiet the storm, and suck up to the AIDS office (*SF Bay Times*, March 25, pp. 5, 21). One city contract has the same accounting rules as eight do and it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure that out, or 24 months to try to clean it up (read: cook those books). Oh, and when you hire an accountant after Mark left who started saying things weren't right, quickly fire her. Even one of the board members "balked at offering his personal opinion on whether Paras' appointment was a conflict of interest" (*B.A.R.*, March 18, page 17). Lots of support here, no? I say all of the above should resign now. Clearly they have all knowingly and willfully done ill to the community.

If I sound a bit angry, I am. I'm angry as hell. Why? Because an underpaid and overworked non-management staff at Shanti feels attacked and embattled and probably unsupported, unfairly, as they work hard under difficult conditions. Because 1,200 volunteers who work the trenches providing magnificent practical and emotional support may wonder

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why they do it, why they're not supported, why their weekly support groups are being forced to meet less often, and may stop doing such an invaluable service. Because 2,000 clients receiving that support for far less money than is spent for the 135 clients receiving housing (*Sentinel*, March 18, page 16) are in danger of losing that vitally needed emotional and practical support due to mismanagement and rightfully bad press. The community suffers once again for the egos, incompetence and head trips of a few. AIDS is a disease, not a career path.

Last year I asked for what I'm about to ask for again and was forever banished from Shanti. Keep your power and grand claims to preeminence, keep your money, whatever you have left, keep those powerhouse funded programs. Give back the heart and soul of Shanti—that of providing practical and emotional support to those affected and surrounded by AIDS—to those of us who treasure it, nurture it, respect it and want to continue it as long as it has been. It was the essence of Shanti, developed by Charlie Garfield and PWAs, for PWAs, and is now the lowly stepchild. That shouldn't be. There are plenty of us willing and able to do it right. Step aside, get out of the way, or get left behind.

Lawrence Hjort
San Francisco

Shanti's Compassion

Regarding the recent flurry of negative coverage of Shanti Project by your newspaper (and others), I would like to be a voice that says something positive about the organization. Actually, many positive things, and even though I speak only for myself I know many people feel as I do.

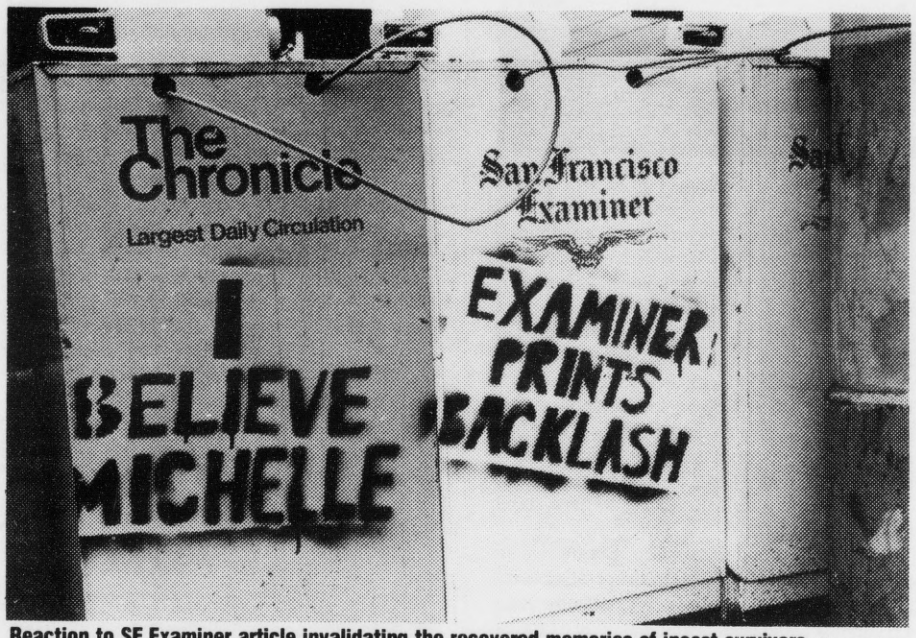
There remains no question that errors in financial accounting have been made at Shanti. Alas for the administrators, for ultimately it is they who have to answer to the public and to the funding and regulatory agencies that oversee their monies. If mistakes were made, then they will have to be rectified.

What we have come to call the "San Francisco Model of AIDS Care"—and if those of us who were around when this whole mess (the pandemic) was beginning, remember that Shanti did not just spring up overnight, or last year—has been around since the beginning. It has been providing outstanding support services to people with AIDS, disabling HIV, and also asymptomatic HIV infection for over ten years now. Shanti was and is one of the models (if not *the* model), for providing peer support, both practical and emotional, to people with HIV, and to other support agencies throughout the entire world (not just the United States).

I, for one, would not be around had it not been for the compassionate life-sustaining support I've received from the project's staff and volunteers. When I couldn't clean myself, or wipe the shit out of the bathroom, or go shopping, or pick up prescriptions, or make my bed, or do my laundry, or deal with my family, or freaked out over medical or bureaucratic stuff, my volunteers were always there for me, to help, without judging or trying to change me in any way—but just being there for me. Anyone with HIV/AIDS knows how important this kind and quality of assistance can be. Peer support volunteers also have been around since the beginning, and how many thousands of San Franciscans have benefited from their generous service over the past ten years? That the quality of their lives was made better by Shanti's support is undeniable. Certainly this is true for me.

On disability now, I can still attend theater, concerts, ballet, opera, go to museums, picnics, cooking classes, kayaking, an afternoon at the zoo, sporting events, and overnight getaways, thanks to the incredible activities program at Shanti. They continue to provide literally thousands of people with the opportunity to participate in these types of events.

Traditional couples celebrate Easter on Castro Street. Photo by Rink



Reaction to SF Examiner article invalidating the recovered memories of incest survivors. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Ask anyone who's attended them just how valuable this has been for them. For me, it makes me feel like I'm still part of the world.

The support groups for people with AIDS have, for me, been an incredible link to others going through similar experiences. Not just an opportunity to gab about meds and diagnostic procedures, though we do that too, but led by trained volunteer facilitators, we can let down our defenses and be and say and feel how it really is, and give and get support from each other. It's been a profound experience for me.

And not just people with HIV, but their friends, families and significant others have been supported by Shanti; in many ways, and for many years now. The counselors on Ward 5A, the van service program, the new Crossings Program and the incredible housing program, largest in the country, provides people who would not have them otherwise, with affordable living quarters. Also, I know from being a volunteer and from other volunteers that the opportunity to serve as a Shanti volunteer has brought great enrichment into our lives, has changed our lives for the better, whether we're HIV-impacted people or not.

It seems that Shanti, being one of the largest AIDS/HIV support agencies in the country, is a perfect target for people's anger. And perhaps rightfully so, in light of the disclosure of their recent financial findings. But the whole story has not been told yet. Have client services suffered because of the financial mistakes? That is a question the press hasn't really addressed. The City's AIDS office has graded them "satisfactory" or "outstanding," but the press has not bothered to mention these evaluations.

What does it feel like to be a client who relies on Shanti services for life-support and read these reports? I wonder if any of the press has an inkling of what it feels like to have an agency that has been and continues to be a lifeline to so many, ridiculed and slammed so vehemently? I'll tell you what it feels like: It makes me wonder if my volunteer helpers, my amazing support group and facilitators, my cultural activities, are in jeopardy. It makes me scared that I might be left alone and helpless again, that I might lose the vital, caring help I have come to rely on, which has helped me stay alive, and made the quality of my life so significantly better during these past few years of illness.

But throwing words around in the press like "scandal," "fraud" and "misappropriation" only served to bash the agency further. Thank you *SF Bay Times* for being somewhat objective about your coverage. I have a friend who once said that it is the nature of gays to "eat their own." I know he meant that in jest, and in an explicitly sexual and humorous context. But what concerns me most now is that the gay press and media are eating their own in the form of helping to denounce an organization that has served this community so incredibly well over the course of the epidemic. We can only wait and see what will come out of this situation.

But please let's give credit where credit is due. Shanti has served well and continues to serve well so many people. Thank you, Shanti, and good luck. You will always have my support, both moral, emotional and, if and when possible, financial. To the staff and volunteers: You are inspiring to me, you are my heroes in this epidemic and I will always admire you.

Richard Goldman
San Francisco

Lesbian Health Research

In these days of shrinking health budgets, we members of the queer community value knowing that strides are being made in understanding our particular health needs. A dissertation recently completed by my colleague and partner, Patricia Stevens, RN, PhD, titled, "Health Care Experiences of a Racially and Economically Diverse Group of Lesbians: A Feminist Narrative Study" has been selected for the Distinguished Dissertation Award by the School of Nursing at UCSF. Her research provided a forum for lesbians in the Bay Area, half of whom were women of color, to tell the stories of their encounters with health services and providers. It is good news that health and academic institutions are finally acknowledging the importance of understanding the perspectives of queer people as consumers of health services.

Dr. Stevens and I currently have postdoctoral fellowships through the National Institutes of Health to do lesbian health research. My research concerns lesbians sexually abused as children. Dr. Stevens is doing a study with lesbians living with HIV. Funding of these studies bodes well for other queer health providers and researchers who might be considering applying for grants to study our communities' health needs. The more involvement we have in the research process, the greater our chances that the emerging health care system will actually meet our needs, and treat us as legitimate, visible, powerful consumers of health care.

For health and empowerment
Joanne M. Hall, RN, PhD
San Francisco

Something for Seniors?

On one hand, there must be something for gay seniors besides outings, bingo, discussion groups and "free" lunches for "donations" in specified amounts. Like what? Like acceptance, a little caring, genuine friendship, or simple human companionship.

On the other hand, this may be too much to expect from a community that is loudly anti-discriminatory but unrelentingly ageist.

Name withheld by request
San Francisco

Visibility on KPFA

If you can't afford to participate in the March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay and Bi Equal Rights and Liberation, April 25, don't feel bad. Join me in switching on KPFA FM 94.1 on your FM dial at 9:30 am, April 25. Only KPFA (the first listener-sponsored, noncommercial radio station in the United States) will broadcast live, via satellite, the March on Washington, hosted by famous lesbian comedienne Kate Clinton and straight progressive broadcaster/journalist, Larry Bensky. KPFA will also continue to broadcast live, via satellite, the Senate Armed Services hearings on lifting the ban on lesbians and gays in the military, gavel to gavel in Washington, D.C., whenever they are resumed. Keep tuned!

The local newspapers censor all KPFA's lesbian and gay programming. "Fruit Punch," for instance, Wednesdays at 7 pm, has been on for more than 20 years; "Patchwork Lesbiana" on the second Tuesday of each month at 10 pm is a project of Bay Area Career Women, a lesbian organization. Moreover, KPFA is unique in that lesbian and gay data and people are integrated into various regular programs not specifically lesbian or gay, starting with the morning news and events program, Monday through Friday, at 6:30 am.

Incidentally, I'm a member of the Lesbian Visibility Task Force of GLAAD and I find KPFA to be an invaluable and unique source of information and motivation, because it consistently urges us to activism by informing us where the demonstrations are taking place, who to write to, etc.

Ms. Amethyst
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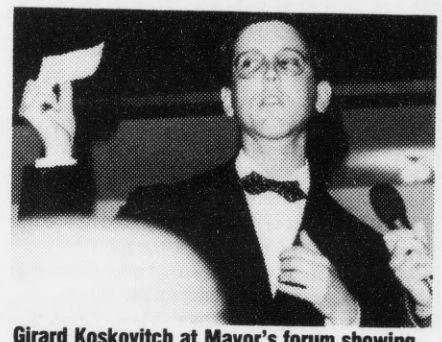

Girard Koskovitch at Mayor's forum showing evidence that he was investigated by Girard police intelligence spying. Photo by Rink

Maitri Volunteers

April 18-24 is National Volunteer Week and I want to take this occasion to publicly thank the people I believe are the most dedicated volunteers in our community, the volunteers at Maitri Hospice.

Most people know that hospices provide a very special kind of care for terminally ill persons and their families. But it's less known that if it were not for volunteers, our hospice could barely function. No task is too big or too small for our volunteers, but often the most important thing they can do is just "be there" for patients, to reassure them they are not alone, to hold a hand, to offer a smile, or to share a "good cry." It is not easy work, but the personal rewards are enormous. The strength and courage of patients provide a constant source of inspiration, and volunteers usually feel they gain more than they have been able to give.

We should all be grateful to the volunteers of Maitri House for the wealth of time and compassion they give for the betterment of our community.

Carolee Waidelich
Volunteer Coordinator, Maitri Hospice
San Francisco

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Away Game

Without intending to employ undue melodrama, it's incumbent upon me to announce, right off the bat, that this is my last column for *SF Bay Times*.

Now, anyone who's followed my work over the years is excused for expressing skepticism: I've announced more retirements than Frank Sinatra and David Bowie combined (though I'm less "straight" than either). Like Sinatra and Bowie—and others of the "I'm-leaving-Wait!-I'm-back!" school of public life—each time I've disappeared from sight, I've surfaced elsewhere eventually, stack of press clips and snide quips in hand.

This column, however, has run its course; burnout is nigh. The signs are clear: ideas are harder to come by. Enthusiasm is low and procrastination levels are high. I involuntarily tremble when I see word processors. The sight of once eagerly anticipated corner newspaper boxes and once-beloved magazine outlets makes my blood run cold. Worst of all, CNN bores me. And the *Vanity Fair* cover story on Sharon Stone—well, need I say more?

To claim exhaustion in a biweekly schedule appears, in some ways, the height of arrogant spinelessness. After all, *real* columnists, like Herb Caen, Jon Carroll and Rob Morse, churn out five or six 800-word pieces *every week*. Caen's been doing it for, what is it, 154 years? And he shows no signs of letting up (more's the pity).

By contrast, all *I* do is sit around thumbing through magazines and eavesdropping on cafe conversations for inspiration. Then, come the every-other-week deadline, I go to, er, work: I clean my apartment, write letters, pay bills, call friends, paste ancient pictures in photo albums, reverse-alphabetize my bookshelves, rearrange my porno collection (top to bottom, as it were), sweep and vacuum the street outside my front door, scrub large buildings, dustbust overhead Muni wires, shave the cat—and, when all else has failed, fall to the floor, kick and scream, weep and wail and curl into a trembling fetal position, thumb stuck squarely between quivering lips. Only then do I eke out a quick column draft, run it down to the office and return home to sleep for three days.

What, you are right to ask, is so hard about *that*?

Well, nothing, on the surface. But there's an odd, undeniable, underlying truth operating here: *I've run out of things to say*. It's not something a columnist anticipates, and it's as good a time as any for him to hang up his floppy disc. After all, writing a column requires a curious mixture of overinflated ego and respectful humility. I mean, no one (besides my editor) appointed *me* God: There's no rule that says that I, more than you, deserve to sit in this space, spouting off about Madonna and pornography and Calvin Klein and Lon Mabon. But, through a quirk of temperament, I've wound up here. That quirk is this: I've always had something to say, and the overweening need to say it. As I wrote in last year's column on OutWrite '92, "I write because I have no choice. If I didn't do this, I'd corral you in some cafe or buttonhole you at some party and talk till my tongue fell out."

All that, unexpectedly, has changed. And it's not as though there's nothing to comment on just now: look at Clinton and gays in the military; Woody and Mia; gay-bashing Marines; *straight* Melrose Place characters facing HIV fears; the upcoming March on Washington; the fabulous English band Suede and its Bowie-esque (*ergo* "bisexual") lead singer, Brett Anderson—and on and on. It's just that I find I have *nothing to say* about any of them any more. In an unanticipated way, that's a relief and a release. It means I can clam up and listen for a while.

But watch out for me at cafes and parties.

THIS IS YOUR (INK-STAINED) LIFE

It seems fitting, in closing accounts, to review where we've been and what's changed.

Though this column has ranged wide, it's never strayed far from issues involving the mass media and the way they portray and report on lesbians and gays. If I've accomplished anything in this space, I hope it's to suggest there are a host of different ways to filter the information that bombards us daily. Behind some stories lie secret agendas we'll never know (profit's a big one; a TV reporter's hair is another). Factual flubs irrevocably alter a story's theme. Personal biases color a story's meaning. We watch CNN, but we have to *watch* CNN—that is, we have to decode the information beyond its surface meaning. In the same way, it's necessary to deconstruct an advertisement's *real* messages about a product and its (sometimes subliminally) promised claim—and about who we're supposed to be if we buy it.

All of which sounds awfully familiar to anyone hailing from what late-'80s recovery gurus (and charlatans) dubbed "the dysfunctional family." My work as a media columnist, in a shadow-mirror way, has paralleled what, as a child, I did in my family: I adopted an extra sensitivity to nuance, dissected messages, ferreted out lies—and *told my truth*, consequences be damned. But after eight years of this work, I've learned the same thing I learned about my family: Even as I dissect and decode, I'm still part of the *system*. And the system—in this case, the American mass media—is deeply entrenched, more or less unchanging, and ultimately unbeatable.

A few years back, I walked away from my family mess, and felt a painful freedom: The sadness of losing the comfortable chaos was balanced by the relief of shrugging off suffocating ties.

Walking away from media criticism is dicier. It's *important*, as a community, that we monitor the media and their representations of us. It's important that we agitate for appropriate imagery in films, sitcoms, advertisements. Political wars are won, at least partially, on the cultural front. And the work we've all done in the past few years *has* wrought changes, both in the corridors of political power and in the halls of the media. But it's also key that we recognize, in the midst of the war, that progress is glacial.

Which is why I'm content to let others fight the battle for now. After all, there are *plenty* of others; it'd be presumptuous for me to think that, if I stop doing this work, the work won't get done. Whole *groups*—like the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), and the National Lesbian and Gay Journalists Association—have sprung up in the past decade precisely to deal with these issues.

From a more personal standpoint, I'm tired of dealing with symbols and codes and signifiers: I'd rather deal with people and their problems. The media are a world removed; at this point, I find it difficult to care whether, say, Sharon Stone disses Madonna. In fact, at the risk of committing gay male heresy, I no longer want to maintain vigilance over what our various "celebrities" and pop culture icons say or do. I'm as old as, or older than, lots of pop spokespeople: Rather than seeming mythical, or mystical, or god-like, they seem like the people who populate my day-to-day existence—only glossier. (And, therefore, more removed. And, therefore, less interesting.) In the long run, I'd rather focus energy on the people in my life than on these distanced, media-constructed "personalities."

DID I MENTION LIZ SMITH? NO? HMMM—WONDER WHY

That said, it's been fun doing this. *Really* fun.

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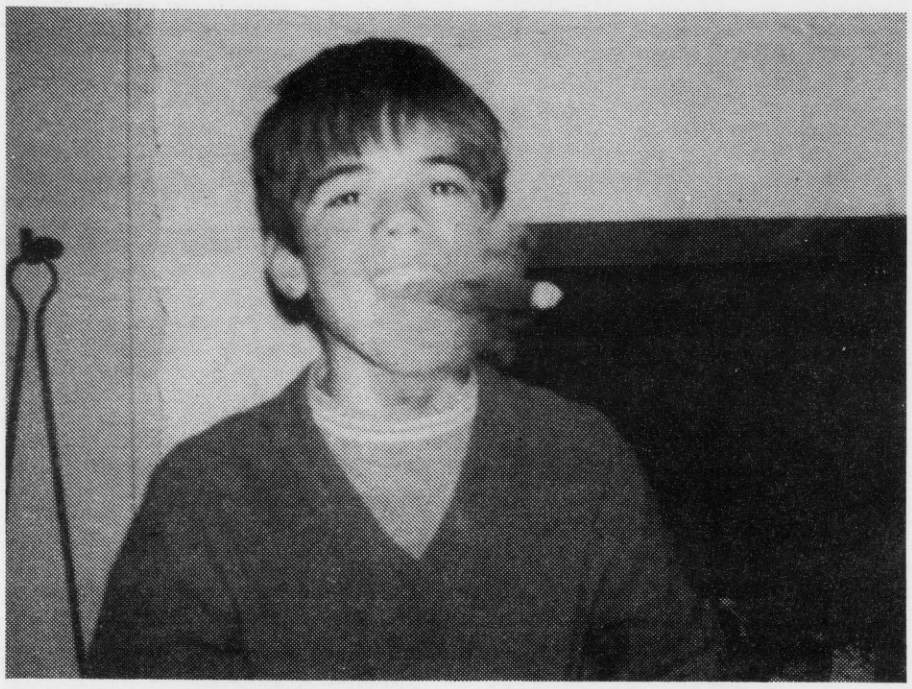

Budding mogul Dave Ford.

And it's come to my attention, by way of the extremely kind feedback I've received over the years, that it's possible one or two of you will miss this space when it evaporates (as it will miss you). With that in mind, I offer the following list of indispensables. If you read and synthesize some or all of them, you'll have a *Twilight Zone* version of "The Write Stuff."

• Michael Musto. The *Village Voice* downtown/scene columnist still covers the unspeakable and unbelievable with cockeyed wit and a style I *swear* he swiped from me (though he started before I did). If you read closely, you'll notice he has a columnist's most treasured, though carefully hidden, accessory: a conscience.

• Leah Garchik. Her *SF Chronicle* "Personals" column (pg. 5 of the Herb Caen section) parodies the media, media figures and thought-free rip 'n' write celebrity columns. Garchik is an original: twisted wit frosted with a dry, graceful style. An absolute treat.

• Maureen Dowd. I first cottoned to Dowd in the late '80s, when she surfaced in the *New York Times* news pages with slyly irreverent features on politicians and their adjuncts and foibles. Last year's pieces on George Bush and Pat Buchanan, among others, were subtly hysterical. She continues to amaze.

• Doug Ireland. As press critic for the *Village Voice*, Ireland busts chops hard. Less friendly than his predecessor, Geoffrey Stokes, Ireland nonetheless sniffs out media/political corruption like a rabid bloodhound. And Jesus—the scope of his reading. (How nice to have interns.)

• SPY. The satirical monthly's general quality has nosedived in the past year or so, but you'll still find a wry chuckle in the front-of-the-mag editorials and the back-of-the-book "Review of the Reviewers." I've lifted, wholesale, style points from both.

• Barry Walters. He'd kill me if I didn't mention him; he's a pal. But as the *Examiner*'s pop music critic, he's consistently worked a risky queer agenda—not exactly a friend-making task in the mainstream press. And his hair's always fierce.

• Johnny Hooks. *Odyssey*'s "Media Ho" columnist is taking up the slack left by certain tired, aging, burned-out local media critics: his column's salty and insightful, loopy and likable. He *does* care if Sharon Stone disses Madonna, and that's to his—and our—advantage. He's taking an enforced two-month break—what is it about Sagittarian columnists and their sabbaticals right now?—but claims he'll be back. Anyway, he mentioned me in a recent column; how could I not love his work?

• Don Baird. The *SF Bay Times*' "Beat This" columnist is fuckin' weird, true, but he's fuckin' good, too. Beneath the (all-too-necessary) attitude beats the heart of a born storyteller. His pieces take me places I'd never otherwise go—the sign of a true writer.

• Calvin and Hobbes. A six-year-old with attitude. I can't think of a better description of a columnist.

MY LAST SUBHEAD: A COLON, A DASH— AND A QUESTION MARK?

Finally, no farewell column would be complete without an Academy Awards-style list of thanks. But since, as per this year's Oscarcast, I have but forty-five seconds, I'll be brief.

The always-supportive *SF Bay Times* staff includes the ever-kind Sabrina (living proof that to call a receptionist's job "a drag" is a compliment); laughing Greta Christina and her phone bank of millions; Ann Rostow and her bottomless checkbook; design diva Brendan Ward, whose ribald graphic sense always livened up this space; and copy editors Susan Mather, Casey Ward and Carolyn Keating, whose eagle eyes saved me, countless times, from grammatical embarrassment. Thanks too, to the folks in advertising, production and distribution, without whom this space would be a Xeroxed 'zine.

My publisher and editor, Kim Corsaro, not only gave me a free hand to write what I wanted and the space to do it, but unknowingly encouraged my most ridiculous forays with her utterly infectious edit-time laugh. She also indulged my numerous quirks and eccentricities with good cheer. For all that, and for this forum, I'm eternally indebted to her.

To those of you who stopped me on the street, in bars, at the gym, in restaurants, at parties—or in bed—to compliment my work or argue a point: you fueled my fire. Writing is isolating; it helps to hear you're connecting. Your words and letters let me know I occasionally spanned the silent chasm.

Before I start thanking God (who, as En Vogue might put it, "gave me this talent"), I'll hush up. Thanks for listening; thanks for reading; thanks for responding. As the saying goes—and I've said this before—I'll see you in the funny papers.

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Boulevard of Broken Dreams

You may recall my column about my friend I called Bud The Stud. Before Bud died, while I was sitting by his bed, he asked me to take a box out of his nightstand. I took the box out. It turned out to be a 3-lb box of See's chocolate candies. Bud loved chocolate. Now Bud knew I was on a diet. So Bud said, "My, don't these chocolates look delicious? Would you like one?" "No, thank you," I tersely replied. "Oh, that's right. You're on your little diet. Well, tell me, Thom, if you could eat one of these delicious pieces of chocolate, which one would you eat?"

Once, Bud dramatically presented me with a Rolex watch—not new, I might add. I took the watch down to the Rolex Service Center on Post Street. The elegant man behind the counter sneered in a heavy German accent: "Oh, no! Dis iz nat de Rolex! Dis iz nat even ein very guut knackoff!" I was so embarrassed, I could have evaporated, what with everyone looking at me and my cheap knock-off! But there is too much of me for evaporation to take place—the diet is not working that well! Such was Bud's sense of twisted humor. I never mentioned any of this to him, of course, but I exacted my vengeance in other ways.

Before Bud died, he named me executor of his estate. Now that the family has gone and the memorial is over, I have learned that executor means the workhorse. It's a curious thing: Friends who were around in life are not as plentiful after death. None of Bud's friends were there to do the hundreds of hours of labor. Very few offered any assistance and guidance.

Bud had a roommate, a shy, gay Asian man who is HIV-positive. We will call him Dudley. Dudley is in denial about his seropositivity. He does not have the support he would like from his family. He is paranoid, depressed, and basically has totally isolated himself from a world which does not support him as a gay Asian man. He does not have the financial concerns many HIV-positive men do at this point, but he is resistant to change, and does not like confrontation.

Two months before Bud's death, I began counseling Dudley on finding another place to live. Dudley laughed it off. He joked, "Oh, you haven't found the mink coats yet, and you just want me out so you'll have plenty of time to look!" I referred Dudley to agencies which list apartments, referred him to GAPA. I offered to drive him around in areas he might be interested in looking for "For Rent" signs. Finally, I gave Dudley 30 days notice to move, in writing. Dudley still put off his move.

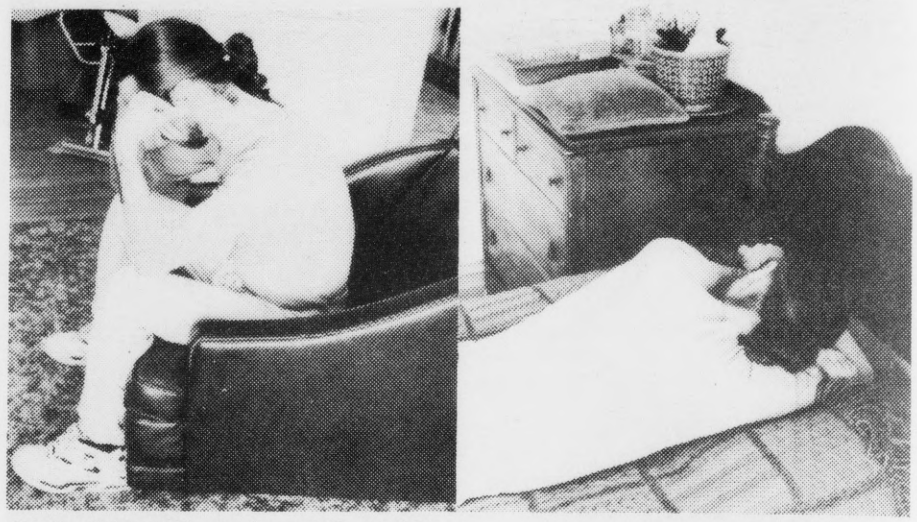
Then the day of reckoning arrived. Dudley had not found a place to go. Sensing that perhaps depression was playing a part in his lack of progress, I called GAPA's HIV Services myself. I explained the situation and requested intervention. I was told that even though he was on the verge of being evicted and in crisis, they were not prepared to move that quickly or to respond to this kind of emergency situation. The landlady called me and announced that since Dudley had not left, she had engaged an attorney to sue the estate because it was my problem, as executor, to resolve.

Dudley and I had a little chat. The following day, he miraculously found an apartment.

In my Feb. 11 column, I posed the rhetorical question: Who can you trust to take care of you when you are bedridden? I addressed the issue of the increasing numbers of leeches in our community who prey on the defenseless and the dying. As an executor, one gets to see the darker side of human nature.

I learned something about friendship. A "friend" of Bud's arrived before Bud had passed and announced to Bud's sisters and I that he was there to "pick up the things he told me that I could have." Another "friend" announced that Bud had borrowed some money from him eight years ago, and as a result, he wanted his stereo, and the balance from the estate. He had nothing in writing. He apparently had chosen to wait eight years and take the matter up with the executor rather than with Bud directly. Let's just say he didn't get it.

Equally silly was the "friend" who agreed to clean the apartment and remove the trash for $50.



A PWA can find that he has no one to turn to in need. Photo by Rink

We'll call him Willy. I offered Willy the $50 because I no longer presume anybody does anything in the name of friendship anymore. And I was taken up on my offer. An appeal to greed rather than to a presumed generous nature works most of the time. This "friend" showed up late with a piece of trade in tow (as he is known to do at most occasions, social or otherwise)—a very goodlooking student considerably younger than he—whom he planned on duping into doing some of the work. The student was dressed in a suit. The inappropriateness of his attire did not stop Willy. The student asked how long this would take, to which Willy replied: "Oh, about half an hour."

I took Willy on a walk-through, just to make certain we were absolutely clear about what and how much was to be done. I then announced in front of both the student and Willy that I thought it might take longer than a half hour. But Willy didn't want to hear that. First, Willy set about discovering all of the things he thought he might like having. His student friend actually began boxing and moving stuff downstairs. I offered the student any books he found to his liking, and chocolate. The student's eyes widened—he loved chocolate, as did Bud. And it amused me to think of this chocolate-colored student enjoying Bud's chocolate—a gesture of which I am sure Bud would have approved. Anyway, the student had to leave, and Willy took him wherever lost little students go when hungry queens are in hot pursuit.

Seeing the handwriting on the wall, I got myself together. About 9:30 pm, when Willy returned, I announced I was going home to write this column. I told Willy to finish the job, and drop off the keys whenever he finished—whatever time that might be. About 8:30 the next morning, my phone rang. It was Willy. "My dear, I have been working all night, but I finally finished. You know, I am going to have to charge you more than the $50 we agreed on. This was much more work than I figured." What a silly Willy! When I arrived later that morning to inspect the work Willy had done, I discovered my keys to the condominium no longer worked. The landlady had already changed the locks!

For some, power can be a hard-on when passion can't. Likewise for material things. Some of us are so busy locking up our things and hustling each other, we miss what is really important. When it comes down to it, neither power nor things offer much currency when your dreams have gone unfulfilled. Some things are still real. We just have to find them. Almost everything is an illusion—from the knock-off Rolexes to the knock-off friendships and agreements we find along the boulevard of broken dreams. We must all take care not to end up with unfulfilled dreams and agreements, all alone.

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what **is** going down by louise rafkin

A Faint Memory...

The change of emphasis in my column name is—yes—unfortunately more than a simple change of syntax. It's been a slew of months since I've had a lover, the first time in my adult life I've done the celibacy thing. Oh, yes, there are those things you learn, some in pleasant ways and some not so pleasantly. But now spring has sprung and I'm over it. The days are longer and that's when I like to do it anyway.

Of course no story is as simple as it seems. There are complications and a certain X-factor that lingers. The best story I recently heard about ridding oneself of a lingering ex was about a woman who was deathly afraid of spiders. A shrieker, a jump-on-the-table type. Eeek!

Unfortunately she lived in a spidery house and her lover was responsible for bashing the little buggers. Lying in bed at night she would think, I can't leave this relationship. Who would kill the spiders? She envisioned life atop the dining room table. Limiting at best.

Then suddenly one day she had a spider tattooed on her belly. A black, furry, evil-looking thing. A symbol of her willingness to face her fear and fight her own eight-legged monsters. The girlfriend got noticeably worried. Commented with hesitation on the new adornment.

Wasn't long before both the girl and the spidery apartment were left behind. Here's to moments of bravery and courage....

Meanwhile, a brief moment in the life of this lesbo media junkie: k.d. on MTV, Lea Delaria on "Arsenio Hall," Marga Gomez at the Met... Sharon Stone telling Babs Walters that she *wishes* she would be mistaken for bi... All this in a spate of a few daze. What!? Not to mention articles in *Mademoiselle, Vogue, VF* and half a dozen other monthlies on queers of all varieties...

(By the way, Lea practically took over Arsenio's show and I say, what about giving her a guest host slot?)

And the queer teen hero of the comic strip "For Better or For Worse"? Yes, Lawrence came out to his best pal and, guess what, the strip came out of many national papers.

Oh, well, it's not all roses.

But, hey, the old cliche is just about true. We are everywhere. My personal head is spinning. But I'm a tad anxious about losing all of the old ways. Like that first memory of membership, the first foray into the life. I wonder what it will be like now, for those newly coming out. Less fanfare, more acceptance, a gang of role models gracing every magazine in the country. Sure, less suicides, more self-esteem, but what about that particular feeling of queerness. That creepy, wondrous day when you discover the others in some dimly lit bar.

The feeling that says: Aha!

And then turns to the others and says: I'm not like you.

In fact: I'm one of the chosen.

Time was when being queer was itself special. Now I wonder if you have to get a spot on prime time telly or at least a pose in a Gap ad to earn that accolade. Is anyone else feeling a little pushed by all this attention?

In short: I never signed up to be a run-o-the-mill deviant; I want my deviance to be highly valued for its own sake.

I quit if Dennis the Menace comes out. (And you know he wants to.) I promise, if that ever happens I'm headed for the suburbs in a Volvo. And I'll marry a man named Hank.

A brief interlude: A friendly gay fellow forced to attend a family function in a Catholic church was not to be shamed when the offering plate came around. Pulled out his wallet and slid out—what else?—a condom wrapped in pink cellophane. Ah, a Hallmark moment.

So without a gal pal and with half the country out practicing the chant, "Gay, Gay, It's OK," it's no wonder I'm having a fashion crisis.

I can't do the bell-bottoms thing. I'm too short. I did it once, hip huggers with a three-inch zipper and crop tops with puffy sleeves. That's how I dressed for ninth grade—a cross between Heidi and Tiny Tim.

My closet is full, but its contents seem to be for someone else's life. I'm 35 years old, a free-lance writer and karate teacher, and I still haven't decided what I want to be when I really grow up. Hanging in my closet there's a gold lame mini circa 1968 next to a floral 1940s next to a gray Saks suit complete with kick-pleat. Rarely is any of this worn, yet somehow it all reflects the lives I wished I had, or have yet to live. The life of Josephine Baker, or Jackie Onassis (not as first lady but as a New York editor, silly), or even Holly Golightly in *Breakfast at Tiffany's*.

Meanwhile, *OUT* magazine comes along with its spring fashion spread. Gorgeous girls, sure, in black and white bells and the like, slinky this and that, thin and disinterested as in any of the sleek magazines. But everything hanging off their bodies is in the three-to-four figure price range...?

See you in D.C. I'll be the one wearing... what? ✿

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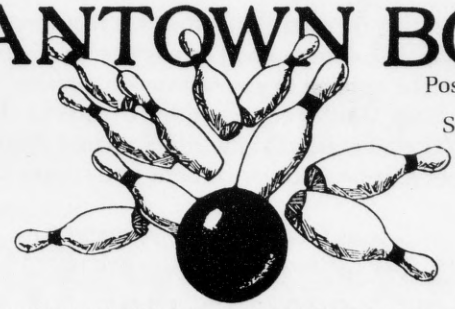

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AZT, Early Intervention and The Concorde Controversy

The widespread overreaction to the April 2 report of preliminary results from the Concorde trial of AZT vs. placebo for early HIV treatment has confused and upset patients and physicians. Seldom has information affecting patient care been so widely communicated to the public with so little regard for how it is received. For patients and physicians now, the bottom line is:

- For asymptomatic patients, Concorde found no benefit from early use of AZT compared to starting AZT later. But this conclusion contradicts that of all three other major controlled trials of AZT treatment of asymptomatics. Because only preliminary and sketchy results are available, and because the Concorde study found no reason not to use AZT, U.S. physicians are not changing their treatment practices until more information is available. The U.S. National Institutes of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) said, in an update published April 1, "At this time we see no basis for changing the current recommendation to initiate antiretroviral therapy for HIV-infected persons whose CD4+ T cell count [T-helper count] falls below 500."

Even in the UK, where unpublished information about the Concorde results has been quietly shared with physicians and patients (information not available to U.S. researchers), and where the Concorde results are widely accepted as correct, there seems to be little rush to change medical practice at this time. (In part this is due to the fact that early use of AZT has been rare in the UK, compared to the U.S. and France; the Concorde results have only reinforced what has already been the prevailing medical strategy.)

- The Concorde trial only studied AZT for early intervention in asymptomatic patients. No one has suggested that these results should affect the treatment of persons with AIDS or with other symptomatic HIV disease.
- Concorde only studied the use of AZT as a single-drug treatment. The benefits of AZT were already widely believed to be of limited duration. Concorde has no bearing on combination antiviral treatment, which is likely to have more lasting benefit than AZT alone.
- Recent press coverage of the Concorde announcement has been misleading. Ultimately, the garbled message was due to the time pressures of a race against news leaks, international failures of cooperation which prevented consultation, and public-relations mistakes by Wellcome, the British developer of AZT.
- The conclusion that Concorde shows that T-helper count does not work as a marker for testing new antiviral drugs is, we believe, open to serious challenge. In any case, nothing in the trial discourages use of the T-helper count for monitoring individual patients.

Hopefully, a more detailed report of the Concorde results will be available by the time of the International AIDS Conference in Berlin in June. Concorde may well change medical practice after enough information is released to allow the world's scientists and physicians to evaluate it. Meanwhile, we hope that Concorde serves as a wake-up call to encourage more balanced AIDS treatment research strategies, instead of continuing to rely excessively on a single drug or class of drugs.

THE CONCORDE TRIAL

Concorde, the largest and longest-running controlled trial comparing AZT to a placebo, enrolled over 1,700 patients between 1988 and 1991, in the UK, Ireland, and France. It recruited asymptomatic HIV-positive patients, regardless of T-helper cell counts. The average time on the study has been about three years. The current information release resulted from a planned analysis of the data through December 1992. Follow-up data is still being collected on the patients.

Concorde asked the right question for 1988, and it was well designed to find out whether it is better to begin AZT treatment immediately for symptom-free HIV-positive persons, or to wait until HIV-related symptoms develop and begin treatment then. Patients were randomly assigned to receive AZT immediately (250 mg four times a day), or to receive a placebo until symptoms developed, at which time they were switched to AZT.

But one year after the trial began, in October 1989, the Concorde study was modified for ethical reasons. A major U.S. trial (ACTG 019), which also compared AZT to placebo in asymptomatic patients, was terminated for patients with T-helper counts under 500, after finding that those given placebo were about twice as likely to progress to AIDS as those given AZT.

As a result, Concorde was modified to allow patients with T-helper counts of 500 or fewer, as shown by at least two different blood tests at least one month apart, to switch to AZT if they wanted to. Under this rule, 282 of the 872 patients in the deferred treatment group (the group starting with the placebo) eventually switched to AZT "before developing symptomatic disease." *But under the statistical rule by which the study was analyzed (called "intent to treat"), these patients were still counted with those taking the placebo, no matter how long they had in fact been taking AZT.*

Many experts believe that this modification changed the nature of what the study was measuring. Concorde started as a comparison between giving AZT to every asymptomatic person with HIV (no matter what their T-helper count), vs. waiting and giving AZT only when HIV-related symptoms developed; we could call that study Concorde I. It changed to comparing AZT for everyone, vs. something closer to a widespread de facto standard of care, which is to evaluate patients individually when their T-helper count drops below 500, and decide on a case by case basis when to start AZT. We could call this second study Concorde II. Since this change occur-

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red only one year into a three-year recruiting period, it is possible that most of the study volunteers were never in Concorde I at all—and it is certain that the great bulk of patient years in the study occurred in Concorde II.

Therefore, instead of saying that the Concorde trial found no benefit of using AZT in "asymptomatic" patients—the message given to the world's press—it would be more accurate to say that it found no benefit (during an average follow-up of three years) in using the drug in all asymptomatic patients, vs. using it selectively in those asymptomatic patients whose T-helper counts drop below 500.

A practical difference in these two statements is that the latter does not imply that asymptomatic patients now taking AZT in accordance with U.S.-standard medical practice should stop. But that was the message reported in the press. It may needlessly interfere with medical care and make it more difficult to convince persons at risk of HIV that they should be tested and receive treatment if necessary.

THE APRIL 2 REPORT

The only Concorde results generally released so far are the eight-paragraph letter published in the April 2 *Lancet*, an April 2 news release from the MRC, and quotes from an April 2 MRC news conference. The letter and other materials were not peer reviewed by the *Lancet*.

The letter reported that there were no significant differences between the immediate-treatment (AZT) group and the deferred-treatment group, either in survival or in progression to AIDS. The three-year survival rates were fairly good for both: 92 percent for the group that started AZT immediately, 93 percent for those that started on placebo (and often switched to AZT later). The rate of progression to AIDS or death was 18 percent in both groups. The rate of progression "to 'minor' ARC, AIDS, or death" was 29 percent in the immediate-treatment group, and 32 percent among those who started on the placebo. None of these differences is statistically significant.

The letter also stated that comparing the groups was valid, despite the change in the study which allowed 282 asymptomatic patients to switch from placebo to AZT if their T-helper counts went under 500, because of the very different amounts of AZT use in the two treatment arms.

The letter stated that the toxicity of AZT in this study was relatively low—despite the high dose of the drug used, and the long time that patients were taking it, compared to other studies. There were no new or unexpected toxicities.

The letter said that there was a significant difference in T-helper counts between the groups. Those who began AZT immediately had gained a median of 20 cells by three months. Those who began with placebo had lost a median of ten by that time. This difference of about 30 in T-helper counts persisted; at six and at 12 months it was slightly larger than 30, and it was observed for up to three years.

The letter stated that the difference in T-helper counts, without a difference in disease progression or survival, casts doubt on the value of T-helper counts to measure whether an antiviral is working.

The final paragraph of the Lancet letter states the main conclusions: "In conclusion, Concorde has not shown any significant benefit from the immediate use of zidovudine compared with deferred therapy in symptom-free individuals in terms of survival or disease progression, irrespective of their initial CD4 count. The discrepancy between this result and the significant effect of immediate zidovudine on CD4 cell counts casts doubt on the value of using changes over time in CD4 count

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The most widely distributed message was not the letter but the April 2 news release written by press—not AIDS—experts. It changed the letter and made the results appear more definitive. For example:

The opening sentence of the news release reads, the Concorde AZT trial ''shows that there is no significant clinical benefit in terms of survival or disease progression to AIDS or AIDS-related complex (ARC) in those who started zidovudine immediately rather than those who waited for the onset of symptomatic disease.'' Note that the *Lancet* letter only claims that ''Concorde has not shown any significant benefit,'' while the news release claims it shows there is none.

The news release clearly implies that it is just as good to wait for symptomatic disease as to start AZT early. But the letter only says that Concorde ''was designed in 1988'' to determine that, as we have seen, what the study was designed to do in 1988 and what it did do are not the same.

In reporting the amount of time those assigned to placebo were actually on AZT instead due to the October 1989 change in the study, the news release only mentioned a figure of 7 percent at 18 months; it gave no hint that the *Lancet* letter also included a figure of 14 percent at three years. Also, the news release cited ''the large number of patients in the study'' as part of the reason a valid comparison was still possible; the letter, written for a professional instead of lay audience, does not suggest that a large number of patients overcomes a selection bias, which is the issue here.

And where the letter ''casts doubt'' on using T-helper counts to measure the effectiveness of an antiviral, the news release ''casts serious doubt.''

The news release, in short, pushes beyond the letter in discouraging early treatment with AZT.

Top U.S. government AIDS experts had only two days' notice before the public release of the Concorde results. U.S. experts have questioned why the release could not have waited a short time (as there was no emergency in terms of patient care, because the two groups in the study did equally well) so that it could include an executive summary to give physicians and researchers more guidance and information.

T-HELPER CONCLUSION A STATISTICAL ARTIFACT?

The *Lancet* letter said that the lack of clinical benefit from early AZT, in contrast with the substantial T-helper count difference between the two treatment groups, cast doubt on using the T-helper count as a ''surrogate marker'' (to substitute for death or disease progression in trials) when testing new antivirals. This issue is important, because without a surrogate marker, any trial of a new AIDS treatment is likely to take years; since HIV develops slowly, it would take that long to achieve a statistically significant number of deaths or disease progressions in the comparison group, even if the new treatment worked perfectly. The press amplified the doubts; for example, the one *Lancet* sentence became a major article questioning surrogate markers in the *New York Times* on April 6.

The FDA's accelerated approval system is based entirely on surrogate markers, and any move away from faster testing could be disastrous for people with AIDS—not only because of delays, but because many drugs would not be tested at all. While researchers hope for better surrogate markers soon, especially high-tech viral tests, the tests themselves may need to be validated by clinical endpoints in lengthy trials before they can be used for drug approvals (unless the tests can use frozen blood from patients whose future progression is known).

But does Concorde really show what it claims to show, that there are doubts about T-helper counts? Most U.S. researchers believe that this question must be addressed by case-by-case analysis of whether individual patients whose T-helper counts rose after starting the drug seemed to show improved prognosis as a result. It is not enough to simply compare groups' medians, as the Concorde preliminary analysis did.

For different but related reasons, we believe, there is a strong possibility that both Concorde conclusions (that AZT does not work for early intervention, and that the T-helper count does not work as a surrogate marker) may be statistical artifacts—illusions resulting from how the study was done, not reflecting what is happening in reality. Some of the following concerns, so far as we know, have not been raised before.

Concorde compared two treatment strategies for asymptomatic HIV infection: treating everyone immediately with AZT, vs. treating patients selectively. The selective group all started on placebo; later, many but not all of them began AZT for one of two very different reasons: because they reached an endpoint as defined by the protocol, or because they voluntarily switched to open-label AZT (only available for those with T-helper count under 500, and only after the protocol change of October 1989). Those switching voluntarily were still counted with the placebo group, however, under the ''intent to treat'' analysis rule, which groups patients according to what drug they were assigned to, not what drug they actually took. 282 of the 872 patients who started on placebo took this option and switched to AZT voluntarily without reaching an endpoint.

No data has been released about who decided to switch to AZT, but we can reasonably assume that those doing poorly must have been the most likely to do so. And one little-known fact is that Concorde used its own definition of ''asymptomatic,'' meaning that certain minor HIV-related symptoms could occur without constituting an endpoint. Patients and physicians, therefore, had actual symptoms potentially available, as well as blood work, to help them decide when they needed to choose AZT.

What Concorde showed is that a selective treatment strategy could work as well, on the whole, as treating everyone with too high a dose of AZT.

But notice that the mere fact that a selective strategy worked equally well as a universal one automatically guarantees the ''discrepancy'' that Concorde noted between T-helper count and clinical benefit—whether or not T-helper count really works as a marker of drug effectiveness. This is because (as has long been known) AZT treatment causes median T-helper counts to rise, compared to where they would have been with no treatment, and to remain higher than they would have been for long periods. Therefore, in the group where everyone gets the AZT, the median T-helper count will rise above that of the other group—while clinically, the two groups are equivalent by definition—creating the ''discrepancy.''

Basically, the patients likely to get sick within the time-frame of the study were likely to start AZT at the earliest sign of problems, creating the clinical equivalence between the selective treatment group and the other group where everyone started with AZT. But the more stable patients, who were unlikely to contribute endpoints in any case whether treated or not, got AZT in one group and placebo in the other, creating the T-helper difference.

It gets worse. The selection bias caused by the voluntary switches to AZT biased the clinical and the T-cell results differently, because patients with higher T-helper counts to begin with tend to have a higher numerical rise than those with lower counts. Clinically, the switch to AZT brought the two groups closer together, because those likely to develop endpoints moved toward similar treatment. But the same targeting meant that the patients most likely to be treated differently were the very ones likely to develop the biggest T-helper count differences as a result.

The *Lancet* letter addressed the concern about selection bias by noting that, at three years, the group which switched voluntarily to AZT had used AZT for only 14 percent of its time on study. If AZT were helpful, then wouldn't the majority

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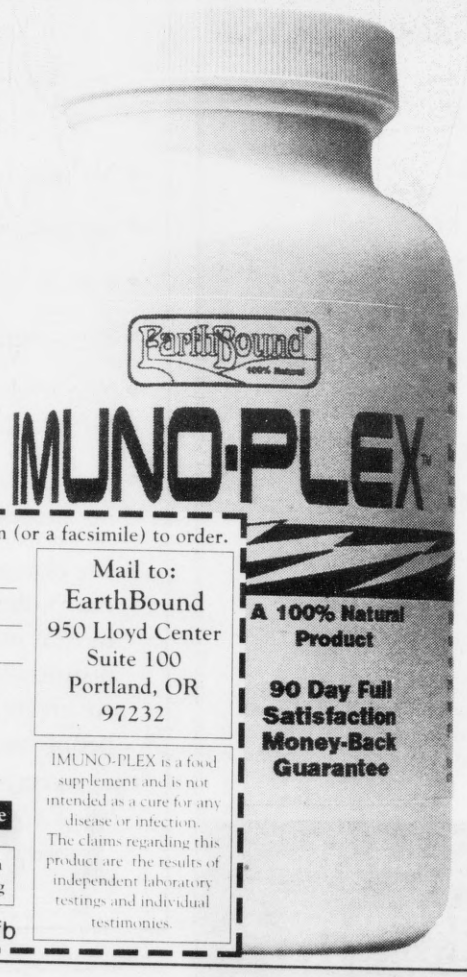

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of time off the drug cause greater disease progression than in the group where everyone started with AZT and most stayed on it?

We are not convinced of that, because:

• The 14 percent of time spent on AZT was probably critical time, since both physicians and patients were highly motivated to notice any signs of impending trouble and start treatment then.

• All the selective treatment needed to do was to push the endpoints (death or disease progression) out past the December 1992 end of the study, in order to avoid them counting as endpoint. The three-year figure, above, of 14 percent of time on AZT implies that most of those who chose to switch to AZT did so relatively late in the study (or the percentage would have been higher). AZT causes an initial boost in the T-helper count, lasting for an average of about six months, and this boost might well have been enough to hold off trouble, in many cases, until past the end of the study. Even if the earlier lack of treatment had allowed more immune damage to occur, it might not catch up with the patient until after Concorde was over.

• Similarly, the benefits of early intervention may not show themselves early. A difference of 30 does not matter much if it is 500 vs. 530; but it does matter if it is 20 vs. 50. In many, if not most, patients, disease progression due to lack of treatment would not be expected to show itself until past the December 1992 end of the Concorde study.

• The AZT dose, 250 mg four times a day, was about twice the dose now in common use. Previous studies have suggested that too high a dose not only increases toxicity, but actually reduces efficacy compared to the correct dose. This may be because side effects force more people to drop treatment entirely—especially those with most advanced illness who may need treatment most—or for other reasons. Whatever the reason, the excessive dose would suppress the performance of the universal-treatment group, making it easier for the selective-treatment group to equal it, than if a better dose had been used.

• The table published in the *Lancet* does show a trend toward more early progression in the selective-treatment group, in all three T-helper count ranges reported, as the theory outlined above would predict. The selective-treatment strategy may be pushing endpoints past the study end rather than building long-term health, which recent pathogenesis work suggests might require antiviral therapy at all times.

IN A NUTSHELL

It seems entirely possible (based on everything we know about Concorde, and also consistent with what we know about AIDS) that:

AZT does help in early intervention; T-helper cell count does work as a measure of antiviral efficacy; The Concorde selective-treatment group allowed physicians and patients, using their best clinical judgment, to provide AZT at critical times and push death and progression beyond the study's December 1992 end—well enough to equal the outcome of the other group, which gave too much AZT to everyone. As a result, Concorde reached the wrong conclusion about the efficacy of AZT in early treatment.

• Meanwhile, the universal-treatment group naturally had a higher median T-helper rise than the selective-treatment group—due mainly to the contribution of healthier patients who were not going to produce clinical endpoints in any case. As a result—combined with the above— Concorde reached the wrong conclusion, also, about T-helper count not working as a marker.

We are not convinced that these possibilities are true; perhaps Concorde is right. But we do believe that serious doubts exist about the accuracy of Concorde's major conclusions, and that these doubts must be resolved (by much more debate in the medical-scientific community than we have had so far) before they are widely applied to patients, or to the process of testing new treatments for HIV.

THE FUTURE

A number of technical meetings are being planned to clarify what we know about using AZT. These plans are encouraging. But we must also remember that AZT by itself is not an adequate treatment. AZT can be improved by use in combination with other antivirals; it may also be improved by new tests to tell which patients it is likely to help.

But AZT has long received too much attention and resources, at the cost of different treatment approaches (for example, antioxidant nutrients and drugs—a treatment possibility which deserves much more research than it has been given). Concorde will help if it encourages more exploration of new directions. It will hurt if it leads to endless debates and tinkering over AZT.

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(astrology)

BY JACK FERTIG

May April March by August!

So how are the stars lining up for the March on Washington? Well, the dominant aspect is stressful, but creatively stressful. It won't be easy, but it could be very dynamic. If you know what you're doing and what problems lie in wait, you could accomplish a lot. If you march in with blind idealism, you'll get some very rude surprises. Mars is quincunx Saturn this week, making people very intensely set on their work, but needing to make difficult adjustments. This ain't bad for political work, and the signs involved—Mars in Cancer and Saturn in Aquarius—actually make it pretty good. Not easy, but good.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: This is a great time for community organizing, but your tendency to jump on initial impulse is dangerous now. Be careful to get input from various sources, to put pieces together and to synthesize a formula that will work for the greatest good. Your political skills are potentially at their sharpest now, but you need to slow down and focus your sudden burst of greater-than-usual ability to use it effectively. Political ambitions can complicate your home life. It may or may not be fair to ask your roommates to adjust to you. If your ambitions—excuse me, your *ideals*—are the issue, you should be making the adjustments. In D.C., work to broaden community connections.

TAURUS: You're unusually outspoken these days. That's great for leading chants in a march or questioning legislators. As a matter of fact, your friends and other meeker souls will admire your nerve as you stand up to some of the toughest characters in Congress. On the home front, though, your sudden burst of nerve could create some trouble. What works in a political confrontation can just be uppity at work or domineering at home. Normally you value peace and cooperation. Remember those basic values and try not to bowl over your friends and colleagues. In D.C., just give 'em Hell! *Happy Birthday: Henry Mach, Louisa Simpson!*

GEMINI: Traveling can always become an expensive proposition. Nowadays it threatens to get out of hand very easily. On the other hand, you could also miserly fuss over every little penny. Your challenge now is to find the reasonable middle road. On the road or at home money is likely to become an issue for argument. Others' opinions may not matter, but it wouldn't be an issue at all if you were really as certain as you make yourself out to be. You do need to stop, think, reconsider. Welcome some advice, but you don't have to listen to everyone's opinions. In D.C. organize for Queer Studies programs.

CANCER: Your energy was just picking up and now it seems to be grinding into a hard, intense, relentless focus. Focus? Ummm, dare we say, obsession? Life has been hard lately, and now it's not getting any better, although the intensity about you now is very authoritative and sexy. Heaven knows, you could put that to delightful effect, but you crave something more committed and meaningful than the delicious bouncy-bounce that everyone seems to be offering you now. Chances are that many of them also want that something extra. Pick and choose; trust your instincts. Turn D.C. backward with some C.D. You're just itching for a good fight. A little Civil Disobedience will do you some good!

LEO: It seems your partner is driving you crazy right now, but the truth is that you are the agent of insanity. Your own inner demons are rioting up a storm, causing you to weave about and making you almost impossible to keep up with. (Face it, darling: however delightful, you're a challenge at the best of times!) Your partner is probably too nervous to tell you that, yes, you are making unreasonable demands. A little time alone, with or without the significant other, is definitely in order. If you can't be alone be in D.C. Use your dramatic flair to hold a press conference as Jesse Helms' or Phyllis Schlafly's no-longer-secret lover.

VIRGO: This is a great time for you to work on teamwork. That's not to say that you are terribly effective at teamwork at the present time, but that you are focused on issues of cooperation. So this is a good time to work on developing your skills. Part of that is learning how to delegate responsibility. In your eagerness to accomplish, you can work yourself sick. Irritability is a sign of worse to come if you don't heed the signals and relax! Measure your energies conservatively and be careful not to over-commit yourself. In D.C., lobby for national health care.

LIBRA: All your hard work is finally beginning to pay off. Right now you feel compelled to approach your goals creatively. This seems to be the only time you really come alive lately, so try to enjoy it wholeheartedly. Watch out for that compulsive edge. Your work and your enjoyment of it will be all the better if you remember to take an occasional break and get as much rest as you need. Pushing too hard not only kills the pleasure, but can also get you into trouble with superiors who may think you're angling for their job! In D.C., stage some performance art at the NEA offices.

SCORPIO: Travel this week is not easy, but that's mostly because you're taking it far too seriously. Just lighten up and shrug off the hassles; you'll do fine. If you get stuck at a terminal have something good to read, or treat it as an opportunity to socialize. Accommodations will not be what you expect. Recite the Serenity Prayer, even if only in the short form ("Fuck it!"). If you stay at home, you'll find domestic arguments hard to avoid; if you go to Washington, you'll be appalled at turf struggles. But the real question is why are *you* focusing in on this? You'll do best if you focus your energies instead on immigration laws.

SAGITTARIUS: Easy does it! You're rather used to pushing people's buttons without even trying, but these days you're relentlessly hitting on their sore points as if it's a divinely ordained and brilliantly strategized mission. Your challenge now is to respect other people's limits, despite your trouble with the notion of *limits*. Basically, it's about respecting other people. It's also about understanding your own strength within so that you don't have to feel like you need to prove anything. Of course, that driven energy can be focused into a political offensive. Take it to D.C. and scream at those who need to hear it!

CAPRICORN: Your partner seems to be acting awfully funny about money. Actually, you're having some peculiar, but mighty insistent, expectations that the two of you should discuss. It could be that s/he's trying to read and respond to your signals and feeding into the craziness. Or it could just be that your own projections are entirely at the root of the matter. This needn't be a problem. Some adjustments will be necessary. Financial priorities need to be reexamined and perhaps re-ordered. In D.C.: March down the aisles of Congress for partners' benefits!

AQUARIUS: All work and no play is not only dull, but dangerous to your health. You're prone to ulcers, and now is as good a time to get them as any. Nervous worry, especially about your work, is the prime culprit. If you're concerned with getting the job done, tell yourself what you'd tell anyone else: The occasional break and a proper amount of R & R are necessary to keep yourself in your most productive form. Life seems especially tough these days. It's true things aren't easy, but you are making things out to be worse than they actually are. Try not to take it all so seriously! In D.C.: Lobby against job discrimination and for health care.

PISCES: As much as you want to get out and play, you also need to take care of the inner self. Your inner child is being a perfect brat these days, but that's reflective of some deep festering pain. Drawing on the right side of your brain (we used to call it "occupational therapy") would be extremely helpful right now. Express yourself artistically and let your deepest, most hidden feelings out. If you feel talentless, don't worry. Nobody has to see it, except you. Just get some paper and crayons or markers and have plenty of extra red and black handy. In D.C. speak up for child custody rights and community art funding. ✿

THE SAN FRANCISCO
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coming UP

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APR 22 / T H U

Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

Live! from the Mexican Museum presents Danny Glover in a benefit for Mano a Mano, a Latino AIDS/HIV service provider. 6-8 pm at The Mexican Museum, Ft Mason Bldg D, SF. Info: 776-8999.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: *Earth House* author Jeanne Duprau reads from her wonderful book about Zen, life, death, loss & moving on. She also shows video about building a rammed earth house in the Sierra Nevada foothills. 7 pm, free. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Lesbians Considering Parenthood Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' Parenting Program. 7-9:30 pm thru 6/17, in SF. $90 per person. Discuss issues, concerns & experiences around creating alternative families. One meeting will be reserved to meet gay/lesbian/bisexual parents and their kids. Group limited to 10 women. Call during summer for Fall '93 support group dates. Info: Cynthia Chan 565-7674.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: Defining Your Relationships. All women welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.

At A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books: SF author Herbert Gold reads from his new book, *Bohemia: Where Art, Angst, Love & Strong Coffee Meet*, a look at Bohemian meccas all over the globe, past & present, celebrated & little known. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Michael Snedeker reads from his new novel, *Down in the Valley*, a novelized look at the Prisoners Union movement of the mid-70s. He is joined by two poets, Luis Talamantez, formerly of the San Quentin 6 and John Ross, muckracking journalist. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.

Frameline presents "Lesbian & Gay Award Winners," a program of film shorts at Roxie Cinema, 16th St at Valencia, SF. 7:30 pm: Lesbian Shorts. 6 & 9:30 pm: Boys Shorts. $6 admission. Info: 703-8650.

Bisexuality in Science Fiction: Forum presented by Bay Area Bisexual Network (BABN). Discussion led by Emerson St Claire. 7:30-9:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St btwn Valencia & Guerrero, SF. Info: Robin 826-1636.

At Tea Spot Cafe: Musical delights with *Dep Five*, Lisa Paltey and *The Irrationals*. 2072 San Pablo Ave at University, Berkeley. $2-5 SL fee. Info: (510) 848-7376.

June Watanabe in Company returns from a national tour to perform at Theater Artaud tonight thru 4/25, with guest choreographer Remy Charlip. 8 pm. For tix & other info call 621-7797 or BASS.

Michael Kearns in "Dream Man," at Josie's Cabaret, call 861-7933 for info/res.

At DNA Lounge: Benefit for Southern Exposure Gallery, featuring Stephen Holman's performance troupe, Torture Chorus, industrial band *Sharkbait* and spoken word by Dominique Lowell. 9 pm. Info: 626-1409.

APR 23 / F R I

BACW Mid-Peninsula TGIF: Join Bay Area Career Women for happy hour at Shout's Bar & Grill, 2034 Broadway, Redwood City. 5:30-8:30 pm, $5. Hors d'oeuvres & cash bar.

***Black to the Promised** Land*: Madeline Ali's inspiring film documentary of disadvantaged African American teenagers who experience life on an Israeli kibbutz, screens today thru 5/5 at Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St, SF. The film, directed by Madeleine Ali, an African American filmmaker & convert to Judaism, follows 11 Black teenagers from Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood who are taken by their Jewish high school teacher to live & work on a kibbutz in Israel. It offers a moving portrayal of both the difficulties & potential of cross-cultural dialogue, challenging the many myths & stereotypes of both communities. The film was voted "Audience Favorite" at the 1992 SF International Film Festival and was the closing night film at the SF Jewish Film Festival. Showtimes: Nightly at 6, 8 & 10 pm, with additional Sat, Sun and Wed matinees at 2 & 4 pm. Info: Roxie 863-1087.

Women's Country Western Class & Dance: 7 & 9 pm tonight & 4/30 in the Eastbay. Info/location: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

"Vintage Chanticleer," Chanticleer vocal ensemble in concert at Calvery Presbyterian Church, SF. Tonight & tmw at 8 pm. Tix $19 gen'l, $15 stdnts & srs. Info: 392-4400.

Michael Kearns in "Dream Man" at Josie's Cabaret, call 861-7933 for info/res.

"The Margin is the Center: Cultural Identities in Focus": Program at ATA (Artists Television Access) explores the intersections between race, gender, sexuality and culture that are often oversimplified in the US media & popular culture. See Marlon Riggs' *Tongues Untied*, a piece examining the experience of being both African American and gay. Valerie Soe's *New Year I & II* is an autobiographical sketch of a family dealing with issues of assimilation into Anglo culture while maintaining a sense of cultural autonomy; *Passing Fancy*, is Meg Knowles' documentary about the first-ever women's drag show in Buffalo, New York. Organized by ACT UP/Western New York and Worker's World, the event recognized and celebrated "passing women" and focused on a historically neglected issue of gender identity for lesbian women. Also see Augie Robles' *Cholo Joto* (Homeboy Faggot), a video featuring interviews on the joys & sorrows of being Chicano and gay, as well as an insider's view of gay Latino culture. 8:30 pm, $5. ATA, 992 Valencia St at 21st, SF. Info: 824-3890.

SF Dance Theatre Spring Concert: Tonight & tmw at 8:30 pm, $10 gen'l, $8 srs. New choreography by Yehuda Maor, Robert Sund & Victoria Morgan; plus a collaboration with post-modern choreographers Robert Henry Johnson & Ian Vincent McGinnis; and a performance by members of the SF Concerto Orchestra. Info/res: 558-9949. 60 Brady St, SF.

Dirt Road: Two evenings of new dance and performance works with James Aarons, Paul Blanchard, Caroline Charles, Mark Haase, Christine Pichini, Sue Roginski and Kim Sargent. 8:30 pm, $5-10 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. 848 Community Space, 848 Divisadero St, SF. Info/res: Sue Roginski 431-4305.

Karen Ripley & Suzy Berger give a night of gay laughs at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. 10 pm, $10. One night only—don't miss! Info/res: 861-7933.

APR 24 / S A T

Auditions for *Vukani Mawethu*, a community choir singing South African freedom songs. The interracial choir was formed by exiled ANC cultural attache James Madlope Phillips in 1986 and has brought the distinctive sound of South African vocal music to audiences throughout Calif. Auditions held at Finn Hall, 10th & Hearst, Berkeley. To schedule a time call (510) 444-5009.

Skyline Gate Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take Hwy 13 to Joaquin Miller Rd/Lincoln Ave exit. Follow signs to Joaquin Miller Rd. Go east (uphill) on Joaquin Miller approx 1.2 miles. Turn left on Skyline Blvd & continue 3.1 miles to parking lot. Meet 9:30 am. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Country Western Line Dance Extravaganza for Women: 10 am-2 pm at Calvary Presbyterian Church, 1940 Virginia St at Milvia, Berkeley. $15. Learn line dances in a sunny, non-bar, smoke-free setting. Lessons include Flying 8's, Chocolate City Hustle, Elvira Cha Cha, Honky Tonk Stomp, Alley Cat, Bronco Twist, Western 6 Step, Horse Shoe, Tumbleweed, Hawaiian Hustle, Rawhide Rustler, Latigo Strut, Prancing Pony, The Drifter. Dance instructor: Lilia from Just Rewards in Walnut Creek. DJ: Gina from Just Rewards. Info: Lilia (510) 271-5916.

Art, Sex & Theater: Group photography show hosted by Mark I Chester & Michael Rosen in conjunction with Photoscape '93, SF photography festival. Program presents the work of 5 Calif photographers whose work represents constrasting viewpoints, perspectives & approaches to the medium of fine art black & white photography. Work by Chester and Rosen, plus Tom Millea, Charles Schmalz and Cammie Toloui. 1-6 pm, $2. No one turned away for lack of funds. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info: 544-1136. Today & tmw.

Act of Intimacy: Debbie Moore & X-Plicit Players bring their nude street activism into performance rituals that dissolve the walls of social conformity, taking their audience into altered states where tribal customs of extreme tenderness, body-reading and "tour-of-touch" can be experienced directly. 5 pm, $12. New College, 777 Valencia St (nr 16th St BART), SF. Info: (510) 540-0907.

***Black** to the Promised Land* at Roxie Cinema, see 4/23.

BWMT/SF Rap: Join Black & White Men Together for a discussion on "Opposites Attract: Why Are We Attracted to other Cultures for Friendship?" Doors open at 6:30 pm, rap begins promptly at 7. All Saints Church, 1350 Waller St nr Haight & Masonic, SF. BWMT Raps are a safe space for all people. Info: SFBA Eventsline 826-BWMT.

Dave Emory, radio commentator & political researcher, speaks at a benefit for KALX Radio. Emory lectures about the possible involvement of the US intelligence community in last year's rebellion in Los Angeles. 7 pm, $10 at 155 Dwinelle Hall, UC Berkeley. Tix $10, proceeds benefit KALF and Dave Emory's program "Hard Rain", which runs Fridays at 9 am on KALX 90.7 FM.

Meeting Men Party spons by the Human Awareness Institute. For men interested in quality relationships and discovering the path of gay intimacy, thru paired exercises and heart connections. $20 tix are available at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF or call 239-7839 for details.

Marin BACW Dines Out: Join Bay Area Career Women for a delicious seafood dinner at The Seven Seas in Sausalito. 7 pm, $2. RSVP required by 4/22. Info: Lynne 457-4866.

"Vintage Chanticleer," at Calvary Presbyterian Church, see 4/23.

Michael Kearns in "Dream Man" at Josie's Cabaret. Openly-gay, LA-based Kearns performs James Caroll Pickett's gay classic about a night in the life of a gay phone sex operator. Play "captures the bitchy humor, self-doubts, sexual hysteria & old-fashioned romance at odds in many a gay man's psyche without apology." Play runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm thru 5/2. Tix $10. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

Slavyanka, Men's Russian Chorus, directed by Aleksei Shipovalnikov of Moscow University, performs the second performance of the Shvedov Liturgy of St John Chrysostom. 8 pm, $12 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. St Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Info: 979-8690.

"Retrospect: The Best of the Past 10 Years," concert with the Golden Gate Men's Chorus, with guest soloists Kathy Desinger and guest conductor Dick Kramer. 8 pm tonight & 3 pm tmw at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St nr Market, SF. Tix $10 adv, $12 at door; $6 stdnts & srs. Info/res: 626-2883 or 584-9805.

At Mama Bears: Concert with *Fiddle Gumbo*. American & Celtic folk music. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.

At ATA Gallery: Chris Robbins' *You Must Be Seeing Things*, Bernard McGrane's *The Ad and the Id*, Joel Katz' *The Corporation with a Movie Camera*, Bob Paris' *John Muir: Legacy* and other shorts. 992 Valencia St, SF. Info: 824-3890.

SF Dance Theatre Spring Concert—see 4/23 listing for details.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *White Trash Debutantes, MDC* and *Highball*. 3158 Mission St, SF. 10 pm-2 am, $5. Info: 282-3325.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with comics Karen Ripley, Hank Donat & Liz Olson. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

APR 25 / S U N

Earth Day Fest 1993: Sonoma County Earth Day Festival takes place 10 am-5 pm at Sebastopol Community Center, 390 Morris St (off Hwy 12) in Sebastopol. Tix $2-5 SL fee with children & seniors admitted free. Diverse entertainment, natural & organic foods, special kids activities & state of the art ecological products for sale. Booths & info provided by environmental organizations. Entertainment includes: Sonoma County Peace Chorus, International Dance Theatre, Rhymthm Method women's drumming group, Spoony T & the Locked Out Tribe, native rappers, Spirit of the Wind belly dance troupe and the Children's Peace Agenda of the Sonoma County Peace & Justice Center. Portion of proceeds benefit local environmental organizations. Info: Karen (707) 542-3047 or Jodi (707) 869-0989.

BACW Sonoma Lunch/Discussion: Discuss lesbian health issues with a professional educator; plus share a delicious potluck dish with a friendly bunch of gals! 11 am in Santa Rosa. Info: Louise (707) 833-2303 or Sue (707) 578-5995.

Tiburon Loop Ride with Marin Hike & Bike Club, a club for active, athletic gay & bisexual men who like to get togetner for local outdoor activities. Meet 11 am at the Sausalito Cyclery parking lot (north end of Bridgway at 101). Enjoy mostly bike paths and rolly terrain on this classic loop. Followed by get together to celebrate the March on Washington. Pack lunch & liquids!

"Lesbian Shorts," a Lesbian and gay production by Frameline awards program winners, on April 22. Calendar has info.

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United We Stand : Lesbians, Gays, Straights Together. Spons by Contra Costa NOW (Nat'l Organization for Women). Rally to show support for civil rights for gays & lesbians, coinciding with the March in Washington, DC. Join us and show your support for civil rights for all people. Meet 12:30 pm at Broadway Plaza, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 556-5729.

Art, Sex & Theater group photography show, see 4/24 listing.

Hot Bodybuilders appear today at the Rawhide Bar, 280 7th St, SF. Beer bust & show spons by the Aracadia Bodybuilding Society to benefit Physique '93. 1-5 pm, $6.

At Mama Bears: Bookparty for Leslea Newman, celebrating her book, *Eating Our Hearts Out*. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakland. 3-5 pm. Info: (510) 428-9684.

"Retrospect," with Golden Gate Men's Chorus—see 4/24 listing.

Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *Orquestra Salsa Caliente*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Staged Reading at Perform Theatre: "The Last Stooge," by Deborah Sabin. Politically-correct rapper Danny Dawn would never sell her soul, until the night a limo drove up to her front door. 4:30 pm, free. Perform Theatre, 28 Paul Drive, San Rafael. Info: 492-9752.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Bonnie Shand of Women's Learning Center interviews Tannise E Brown on "Revolutionary Aging," part of ClaireLight's Women to Women Conversation Series. 5 pm, $6-10 SL fee. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

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AIDS Requiem Mass by Bill Warriner: An ecumenical eucharistic service "to remember, to honor with dignity, and to rejoice," with music composed by Warriner shortly before his death in 1992 from AIDS complications. Work written for men's double chorus, tenor, baritone & soprano soloists and organ, combines the traditional Latin text with the poetry of Walt Whitman, the Psalms and Native American sources. 7 pm at St Andrew's Lutheran Church, 1501 South El Camino Real, San Mateo. Freewill offering benefits Ellipse Peninsula AIDS Service. Reception follows. Childcare provided. Wheelchair accessible. Info: 345-1625.

Krishnamurti Dialogue at the home of Janey Ferguson, 460 Hanover Ave, Oakl. 7 pm.

Michael Kearns in "Dream Man" at Josie's Cabaret, see 4/24 for details.
Rubber Club spons by Asian AIDS Project presents "April Love," starring the luscious and effervescent April Fresh. Show features "safer sex messages sublimated into raucous yet toucing skits, resulting in lively yet cursive dissections of libido." 10 pm at N'Touch, 1548 Polk St. Be there.

APR 26 / MON

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Free Home Care Skills Training for partners, friends and families who are providing care at home for persons with AIDS. 7-10 pm tonight thru 4/29 at Davies Medical Center in SF. Training is for any non-professional care partner who is now or will be helping a loved one with AIDS in their home. Adv reg is required. For info/reg call Celi Adams, RN, 824-3269.
Bi-Friendly SF meets for food, drink & conversation at the Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF. 7 pm. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Pierre 648-6332.
Staged Reading: Subterranean Theater presents a staged reading of a new play, *Liz and Iez Strata*, an emasculation comedy for peace, by Bert Glick. Loosely based on Aristophanes' *Lysistrata*. 7:30 pm, $3. La Val's Subterranean Cabaret, 1834 Euclid Ave, Berkeley. Cabaret opens at 7 pm for dinner seating.
At A Clean Well Lighted Place for Books: Charlie Smith discusses his new novel, *Chimney Rock*—part murder mystery, part family tragedy, part exploration of the extreme personality. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.
9 Steps to Re-Awaken Your Immune System: A 9-wk series of self-healing & self-empowerment classes spons by the Immune Power Foundation. Approach blends traditional Eastern tools such as meditation, bodywork, herbs, dreamwork, etc with Western psychoimmunological techniques such as Neuro-Linguistic Programming, inner child work and nutritional science to enable people living with chronic immune system dysfunction (HIV, EBV, cancer, allergies) to find within themselves the necessary resources to master their immunity. Attend tonight's free intro lecture for more details. 7:30-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St btwn Guerrero & Valencia, SF. Class to be held on 9 consecutive Mondays, 7:30-9:30 pm, starting 5/3, $90 pre-reg, $125 at door, partial scholarships available. Info/res: David Vachon (510) 841-4739.
Krishnamurti Video & Dialogue at the home of Roberto Moreiras, 139 Farnum St, SF. 8 pm. Info: 469-0606.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Scott Silverman. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring gay & lesbian comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

APR 27 / TUE

"I Know a Little" Level 1 & 2 Guitar Classes for players with basics who want more, begin tonight. Taught by songwriter/performer/recording artist Judith Kate Friedman. Info/reg: 824-5283.
Black *to the Promised Land* at Roxie Cinema, see 4/23.
Stop the Violence Against Women: Tonight's Radical Woman meeting features guest speaker Wenny Kusuma of WOMAN Inc who discusses strategies to tackle the increase in rape, battering and sexual harassment. She also discusses challenges facing the feminist movement. 6:45 pm dinner ($5 donation), meeting begins at 7:30. Valencia Hall, 523 A Valencia St nr 16th St BART, SF. Info: 864-1278.
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"Creative, Effective Affirmations," presented by the Rev Jonathan, minister at the Church of Amron. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.
Matriarchal Past Life Journey: Part of an ongoing series of weekly classes for women. Take a journey on a path that reveals a past life you may have had in a matriarchal culture. Guided meditation for women who have had some experience with energy, meditation & grounding. 7-9 pm, $15-29 SL fee. Near Rockridge BART. Info/res: Pati McDermott, psychic counselor & certified hypnotherapist (510) 652-6355.
Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by Bill Milligan. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. For info/res call 621-6294.
Artificial Insemination Wkshop for Lesbians: Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' Parenting Program. 7-9 pm, $25 per person. Wkshop for lesbians interested in the how-tos of insemination/self-exams using a speculum. Facilitated by Barbara Raboy of the Sperm Bank of Calif. Bring a flashlight, pillow, hand-held mirror and two towels. There'll be time at the end of the workshop for questions. Group limited to 15 women. 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF. Call Cynthia Chan 565-7674 for info/res.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay meets for food, drink & conversation. 7:30 pm at Au Coquelet, 2000 University at Milvia, Berkeley. All bisexuals (and bi-friendly others) are welcome! Info: Betsy (510) 845-7441.
At Modern Times Bookstore: Chilean poet, filmmaker, performance artist & sculptor Cecilia Vicuna performs works from the bilingual collection of her poetry, *Unraveling Words & the Weaving of Water*; Suzanne Jill Levine, one of Vicuna's translators & author of *The Subversive Scribe*, reads the English versions. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.
Author Rita Mae Brown at Black Oak Books: Rita Mae reads from her latest novel, *Venus Envy*, the story of Mary Frazier Armstrong, an art dealer from Charlotte, NC who believes she is dying and comes out in a series of letters to family & friends, only to find out that her cancer diagnosis was in error, and she must now face the consequences of her revelation. A funny, poignant & shocking book. 7:30 pm. 1491 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 486-0698.
At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Author Leslea Newman discusses her new anthology, *Eating Our Hearts Out: Personal Accounts of Women's Relationship to Food*. 8 pm, $3-10 proceeds benefit Women's Voices. OWT's cultural events series. Info: 821-4676. 1009 Valencia St, SF.
David Drake in "A Fairy's Tale" at Josie's Cabaret, a series of vignettes dissecting gay life and culture, from rural Virginia to NYC's Upper West Side. 8 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
At Paula's Clubhouse: *Hemi* and *Blind Tom*. $2. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: 621-5877.

APR 28 / WED

Black *to the Promised Land* at Roxie Cinema, see 4/23.
NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) Mtg: 6:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF.
At ClaireLight Women's Books: "In the shadow of the heroic: Inferiority & the masculine soul," Francis Weller, MFCC discusses male shame & alienation. Weller has written & lectured extensively on shame, addiction, gender issues & mythology. 6:30 pm, free. 519 Mendocino Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.
Peace Corps Community Forum & Film Show: Informational presentation about overseas volunteer opportunities. Chance to meet former Peace Corps volunteers. Recruiters present with applications & information regarding current volunteer opportunities. Requirements: US citizenship, good health, at least 18 years old, have bachelor's degree or 3-5 years of skilled work experience. No upper age limit. 7-9 pm at Ft Mason Center, Bldg C, room 370. Buchanan & Bay Sts, SF. Info: (800) 292-2461 ext 325.
Video Benefit: The National Committee to Free Puerto Rican Prisoners of War & Political Prisoners premieres *Cada Guaranguao Tiene Un Pitirre*, video commemorating the 13th year of the political prisoners' incarceration. Program also includes Puerto Rican music & poetry by poet/musician Avotcja and poet/author Piri Thomas; plus the launching of a membership drive by the National Committee. 7 pm. $3-5 donation. La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (415) 824-7950 or (510) 832-1114.
Lesbian/Gay Open Reading: Monthly open reading at Modern Times Bookstore for queer poets & prose writers. Everyone encouraged to attend! 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.
Author Rita Mae Brown discusses her new novel, *Venus Envy*. The book is a thoroughly contemporary novel about a successful career women who, when told she is dying of cancer, writes to her family & closest friends telling them she is gay only to find out, on the day after the letters are mailed, that her cancer diagnosis is a mistake. 7:30 pm. 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.
At A Different Light Bookstore: Shared reading by authors Leslea Newman (*In Every Laugh A Tear*) and Kathryn Onarah Everett (*And I Still Live*). 7:30 pm, free. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.
Michael Kearns in "Dream Man" at Josie's Cabaret, see 4/24.
Project Inform Update Town Mtg: Get information on new treatment developments & current research. For people who are HIV-positive, and general population. MCC-SF (Metropolitan Community Church, 150 Eureka St, SF. For time & other info call 558-9051.

APR 29 / THU

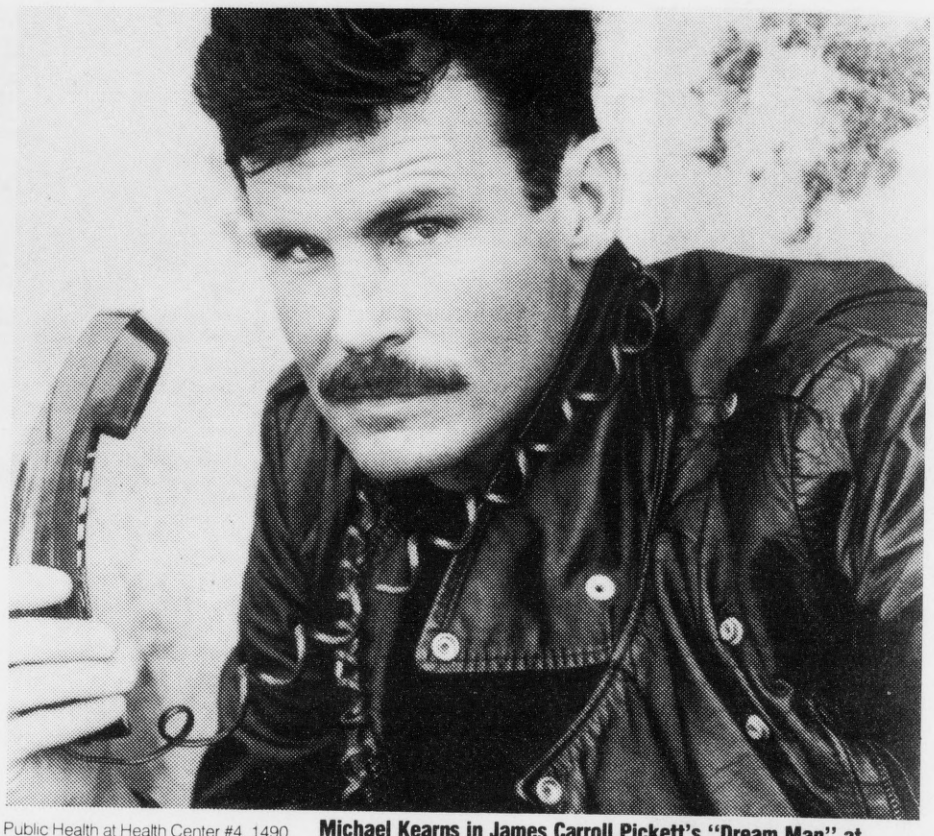
Black *to the Promised Land* at Roxie Cinema, see 4/23.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group meets 7:30-9 pm at MidPeninsula YWCA, 4161 Alma, Palo Alto. Tonight's topic: Bisexuals & Lesbians. All women are welcome! Info: Lynn (408) 737-9229 or Marilyn (415) 969-1260.
At Modern Times Bookstore: David Dellinger, one of the great dissenters of this century (he lived in hobo camps during the Depression, was a pacifist activist in the Cold War 50s, helped forge the anti-Vietnam movement & was tried as one of the Chicago 7 conspirators), discusses his memoir, *From Yale to Jail*. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF.
Michael Kearns in "Dream Man" at Josie's Cabaret, see 4/24.
No Justice, No Peace: A program by Life on the Water and Asian Improv Arts, benefiting the legal defense fund for people arrested under martial law in SF on May 1st last year. Performers include: AK Black, Pearl Ubungen Dancers, Genny Lim & Akinyele Sadiq and Claudia Gomez. Tix $10-20 SL. Ft Mason Center Bldg B, SF. Info: 776-8999.
"Writing in Extremis: Narrative Strategies for Century's End," program spons by Small Press Distribution examines, in harrowing detail, the politics and social application of narrative writing—fiction as rock 'n roll, pornography as salve for the soul, culture as antidote. Event features Kathy Acker, Earl Jackson, Jr and Benjamin Weissman. Moderated & curated by Dodie Bellamy. 8 pm, $4. New College of Calif Theater, 777 Valencia St, SF. Info: (510) 549-3336.
Enrique, fantastic pop disco-nineties glam-post-modern band, rocks the DNA, tonight at 9 pm, $5. 375 11th St, SF.

APR 30 / FRI

Opening to Intimacy: Wkend wkshop for lesbian singles & couples, led by Sonika Tinker & Debra Rein of LoveWorks. Info/reg: 572-1999.
Black *to the Promised Land* at Roxie Cinema, see 4/23.
Women's Country Western Class & Dance in the Eastbay, 7 & 9 pm. Info/location: Gerri (510) 428-2144.
Paddles & Straps presentation by Joseph Bean and Caning & Hot Wax presentation by Kaye Buckley. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of educational & artistic classes for the s/m community. From the elegance of mother's hairbrush to the terror of daddy's belt, paddles & straps evoke rich fantasies for many players; Joseph shows how to use these implements to create the sensation s you want; Kaye demos basic caning techniques; once the bottom has been warmed up, she'll drip hot candle wax onto the caned area. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7-10 pm in a private SF space. $20-10 SL fee. Info/res: 550-7776.
At Mama Bears: A Conversation with Margie Adam—record-signing and talk. 7 pm. $2. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.
Big Mountain Benefit at Red Dora's Bearded Lady, 485 14th St, SF. 7-10 pm, $4-8 suggested donation. See videos, update on the Navajo struggle against govt & energy corporations' land grab. Guest speaker Rene Ariza.
Venite! Gruppo sociale per chiacchierare in italiano. Last Fri eve of each month. For location & other info call 824-2323.
"Ritual & Tradition: A Celebration through Music & Dance," with Westwind International Folk Emsemble. 8 pm tonight & tmw, 11 am family show on 5/2. Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave, Berkeley. For tix & other info call (510) 84-JULIA or (510) 762-BASS.
Tarot & Astrology Lecture by Susan Levitt at Whole Life Expo. Concourse Exhibition Center. 635 8th St at Brannon, SF. 8 pm in Room 2. Info: 331-1028.
Michael Kearns in "Dream Man" at Josie's Cabaret, see 4/24.
Joe Diffie's "Honky Tonk Attitude Tour" comes to Luther Burbank Center, Santa Rosa. 9 pm. $19.50. Tix available at BASS.
Night of laughs at Josie's Cabaret with comics Marilyn Pittman and Jason Stuart. 10 pm. $10. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

MAY 1 / SAT

CPR Class offered by the SF Dept of Public Health at Health Center #4, 1490 Mason St, SF. 8:45 am-12:30 pm, $20. Class covers CPR rescuer skills & the Heimlich Maneuver for the adult layperson. Enrollment limited; first-come, first-served. Info/reg: 705-8500. Participants who pass a knowledge & skills test will receive a certificate from the American Heart Association.
Alameda Run with Eastbay Frontrunners: Take High Street exit off Hwy 880. Follow High St WEST toward Alameda, to Otis Drive. Turn left on Otis and follow across bridge. Turn right on Island Drive and immediately right onto Veterans Court. Meet 9 am at end of court. Info: Roz 939-3579 or Greg 865-6792.
Spring Festival/Classic Auto Show spons by Albany Arts. 10 am-5 pm on Key Route Strip and Solano Avenue, Albany. 62 artists offer handcrafted items ranging from jewelry to children's clothes. Classic and vintage automobile exhibit. Free admission. Info: (510) 525-1771.
At A New Leaf Recovery Resource Store: "Dream Magic: Dreamwork in 12-Step Recovery" wkshop. 10 am-1 pm. Gain power, learn to confront unfriendly images in dreams and waking life, thru use of Senoi Indian Dream Control and other gently confrontive processes. Dreams welcome but not required. Led by Tara Treasurefield, director of the Zen Dream Center. $20. Pre-reg required, call 924-8970 for info/res. 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur.
Over 35, Single & Looking: Wkshop for single lesbians who would rather be in a relationship. Discuss dating, how to meet new women, loneliness, feeling good now, sex, celibacy and more. 10 am-5 pm, $50-75. Info/reg: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.
Exotic Bird Faire of Marin: Today & tmw. Spring Exotic Bird Faire of Marin offers an incredible display of rare and exotic birds from around the world, plus a triple seminar on keeping and caring for exotic birds. Features over 100 top West Coast breeders and suppliers offering birds for sale and a huge selection of bird keeping equipment and supplies. Also special exhibit for kids! 10 am-5 pm. $5 adults, $2 kids under 12. Info: 472-3500. Don't miss!
Environmental Health Network Mtg: Jeffrey Reinhardt, award-winning nutritional biochemist & researcher, discusses "Common Sense & Solid Science: Myths & Realities in Nutrition." 1-4 pm at Lone Mountain Campus, SF. Room 363. EHN provides info, support & advocacy for people affected by chemical sensitivities & injuries, sick building syndrome and related immune and autoimmune disorders. Attend fragrance-free. Info: 541-5075.
MCC-SF Community Center Opening: Metropolitan Community Church of SF celebrates its 23rd anniversary and the opening of the New MCC Lesbian & Gay Community Center. 1 pm, celebration at the church, 150 Eureka St, SF, with Rev Troy Perry, founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, as featured speakr. 2 pm, informal procession (led by the church's motorcycle contingent) to the new community center at 4035 18th St (btwn Hartford & Noe). 2:30-6:30 pm block party with speakers, musicians & comics including the Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF, The Flashpoint Players, Jill Sizemore & Sue Kinsman-Wolf, Rev Troy Perry, Rev Jim Mitulski and Geoff Oshima. Info: 863-4434.



Michael Kearns in James Carroll Pickett's "Dream Man" at Josie's Cabaret April 21-May 2. See Calendar.

Black *to the Promised Land* at Roxie Cinema, see 4/23.
Int'l Workers Day Forum: "Labor Party Solutions in the Stressed Out '90s," a celebration of International Workers' Day. Nancy Reiko Kato, labor activist and anti-Nazi fighter, speaks on the necessity for building a multiracial feminist labor party, pushing our unions to take the offensive against takebacks and forging alliances with international workers in Eastern Europe, Mexico, South Africa & Asia. 8 pm. Solidarity supper at 6:30 pm, $6 donation. $3-5 SL donation at door. Spons by the Freedom Socialist Party and Radical Women. For more info or childcare, call in advance. 864-1278. Valencia Hall, 523A Valencia St (nr 16th St BART).
Academy, a new s/m circle serving the community by sponsoring & hosting social gatherings & s/m sex parties, holds a women's party, men's party & queer mixed party from 7 pm to midnight at Eros (in different rooms at the same location), 2051 Market St, SF. $15. Scholarships and work-exchange available. Academy is committed to safe, sane & consensual play, with a focus on training new generations of s/mer's and supporting inclusive queer politics—come socialize, play and explore the sexual energy of the '90s. Info: 882-1134.
Country Western Dance exhibit by members of the SF Fringe Riders, an all-woman dance troupe. 7 pm at the new Brew Moon Coffeehouse, 16248 Main St, Guerneville. Info: (707) 869-0201.
Casino Night spons by Friends of the SF Health Dept. 7:30 pm-midnight at SF Bay Club, 150 Greenwich St, SF. Event features celebrity dealers & silent auction. Proceeds benefit the SF General Trauma Center and other special projects. Tix: $40 singles, $75 couples. Info: 956-0768.
Michael Kearns in James Caroll Pickett's "Dream Man." The LA-based, openly gay Kearns performs the role of Christopher, a gay phone sex operator, in Pickett's play, a monologue capturing a night in the life of a phone sex hustler, interspersing his private pain & public persona. Show "captures the bitchy humor, self-doubts, sexual hysteria & old-fashioned romance at odds in many a gay man's psyche without apology." 8 pm, $12. Plays tonight & tmw at Josie's Cabaret, 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
"Ritual & Tradition," concert with Westwind, see 4/30.
At Mama Bears: Concert with lesbian feminist singer/songwriter Sherry Van Dyke. 8 pm, $7-9. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 428-9684.
LubricAsian Dance Party: Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Features door prizes, complimentary lube jobs and go-go mechanics on duty. Music by Peter Comacho and *Rice*. 8 pm-midnight. $7. Quality, fast service at low prices! Don't miss! Info: 282-GAPA. Mason Center, Marina Blvd & Laguna, SF.
Tatiana & Co present "First Saturday" at Kimo's: Tat continues this popular event which raises money for AIDS organizations. Tonight's show benefits Project Open Hand Food Bank. 10 pm, $5 at door. Polk St at Pine, SF.
Bondage Party for gay men into bondage and leathersex. Equipped private play space South of Market. 10 pm, $10. Info: 292-3228.
Gay Comedy Night with comics Mark Davis, Suzy Berger and Gail Hand. 10 pm, $10. 2583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

MAY 2 / SUN

Coming Out 1-Day Wkshop: For women new to woman-loving identity. Share feelings, fears & joys in a safe, confidential setting. Discuss coming out & homophobia. Work on sexual identity issues. Learn more about lesbian culture, community & oppression, begin to create a support network. 10 am-4:30 pm, $45-65 SL fee. Mountain View location (40 min south of SF). Appropriate for women in any stage of the coming out process. Info/reg: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.
"Ritual & Tradition," concert with Westwind, see 4/30.
SF Fringe Riders, all-woman country western dance performance troupe, perform at Women's Weekend at the Woods, call (800) 47-WOODS for details.
Picnic with Coastside Social Group. CSG is a group for gays, lesbians, family & friends in the Pacifica-Half Moon Bay area. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.
Celebrate with Comedy: Options for Women Over 40 15th Anniversary Gala: 2-5 pm at the Women's Bldg Auditorium, 3543 18th St, SF. Event honors 10 key women in Options herstory. Entertainers include comic Marilyn Pittman, Women Walking Tall, musician Marlina Teich-Ellen, Seeling Jazz Duo, and The Flashes. Men are welcome. Event is wheelchair accessible. Dessert buffet. Info/tix: 431-6405.
Mark ! Chester SEXART Salon Bon Voyage Party: Open stage salon where men & women of all sexualities share art (writing, performance, static art) that is both sexual & creative. Interested viewers are also welcome. $10-20, no one turned away for lack of funds. Call 621-6294 for info.
Enhancing Our Intimacy: 6-wk group for lesbian and gay male couples who are not in crisis, but are interested in renewal and growth. Topics include: play & leisure in relationship, decision-making and conflict resolution, renewing sexual & romantic intimacy, spirituality & recovery issues and rituals in relationships. Couples must be partnered for at least one year. Group open to 6 couples. Sundays 4-6 pm, thru 6/13. $35-60 SL fee, per couple (for entire series). Facilitated by Ruth Frost, MDiv and

Phyllis Zillhart, MDiv. Adv reg required. Info/res: Lutheran Lesbian & Gay Ministry 553-4026.
Staged Readings presented by Perform Theatre: "Shoe Dog," by Stephen Bloom. With Futter's Shoes Down at its heels, a cracker jack salesman comes to the rescue to put a new luster on a lost art. 4:30 pm, free. Perform Theatre, 28 Paul Drive, San Rafael. Info: 492-9752.
Black *to the Promised Land* at Roxie Cinema, see 4/23.
Bay Area Gay/Lesbian Returned Peace Corps Volunteers Potluck/Mtg: 6-9 pm. Call Wayne (415) 626-1940 or John (510) 655-5574 for location & other info.
Michael Kearns in "Dream Man" at Josie's--final performance! See 5/1.

MAY 3 / MON

Black *to the Promised Land* at Roxie Cinema, see 4/23.
Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Amy Body. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring gay & lesbian comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.
May Day Film/Video Festival at ATA Gallery: Artists Televison Access' Workers' Film & Video Forum series celebrates International Worker's Day with a five-part series (thru 5/7) of films & videos from all over the world. Tonight's program: 5/3: *Leaving Home*, an examination of the North American Free Trade Agreement's impact on workers in Mexico and the United States. *Japan Railway's Mass Firings*, a documentary on the effects of rail privatization on Japanese railworkers. *Perestroika from Below*, a look at living conditions in the USSR, and a 1989 strike by Russian miners. 8:30 pm, $3-5 donation. Proceeds go toward funding the Golden Lands Working Hands labor education project in Calif. 992 Valencia St, SF.

MAY 4 / T U E

Black *to the Promised Land* at Roxie Cinema, see 4/23.
Channeled Healing (Laying on of Hands) Class: Part of an ongoing series of weekly classes for women. Become a channel for focused healing. Learn to direct healing energy to a particular area of the body for relief of pain or illness. Beginners welcome! 7-9 pm, $15-25 SL fee. Near Rockridge BART. Info/res: Pati McDermott, psychic counselor & certified hypnotherapist, (510) 652-6355.
Gay Men's Sketch: Male figure drawing for all skill levels. Classical nude modeling by gay male model. 7 pm. 1229 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 621-6294.
Video Presentation at Amron Metaphysical Center: See *Unconditional Love* with Lazarus. 7 pm, free. 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.
Marin BACW Business Mtg: 7-9:30 pm. Call Janice & Avril 383-6736 for info/location.
"Bottoms Up: Bar Hopping Queers of the Silver Screen," Daniel Mangin brings his film & comment show to Josie's Cabaret. Show looks at what happens when Hollywood's homosexuals get inside gay bars. "Bottoms Up," an entertaining clip and comment sequel to Mangin's acclaimed "Psycho Killers & Twisted Sisters," looks at 50 lesbian & gay bar scenes from Hollywood & international films. 8 pm, $6. Show plays tonight & 5/11, 18 & 25. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.
May Day Film & Video Fest continues at ATA Gallery (see 5/3). Tonight's schedule: *Mise Eire (I Am Ireland)*, film looks at events in Northern Ireland leading up to the 1916 Easter Rebellion. *British Miners Take on Major & the Torries*, video about recent fighbacks against mine closures in Britain.

MAY 5 / W E D

AIDS Activists report back from the March on Washington at the home of Berkeley City Councilmember Maudelle Shirek, 2705 Walker St, Berkeley. Featured speakers: Laura Thomas, Albert Lucero, Paul Werth & Jon Winters. Light meal provided. $10 ($3 SSI). Proceeds benefit ACT UP/East Bay. RSVP by 5/2. Info: (510) 547-7538.
GLAAD/The Gay Agenda: Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/East Bay and The Tea Spot Cafe spons tonight's dinner and screening of *The Gay Agenda*, the video used by the right wing during the 1992 election and the recent gay military discussions in an effort to derail civil rights legislation for lesbian, gay & bisexual people. 7 pm dinner, 8 pm screening, 8:30 pm moderated community forum. Fine pasta, chicken and vegetarian entrees offered for under $10. Program is free of charge, donations to GLAAD and the GLAAD Hate Video Response Project are welcome! Tea Spot Cafe, 2072 San Pablo Ave at University, Berkeley. Info: (510) 273-9146.
Black *to the Promised Land* at Roxie Cinema. Final screening! See 4/23 listing for details.
Project Inform Introductory Town Meeting: Offers overview of HIV disease, immune monitoring and treatment strategy, for HIV positive people and the general audience. At MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. For time and other info call 558-9051.
Midlife Lesbian Support Group spons by Options for Women Over 40 meets 6:30-8 pm thru 6/23. Group for lesbians over 40 focuses on personal issues: midlife transitions, sex, relationships, health, aging & change. Low-fee, facilitated group. Held at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info/res: 431-6405.
Bi Women's Support Group meets 7-9 pm—Come meet other bi women in an informal setting, talk & share experiences. New location. Call Valerie 641-1308 for info.
Wayne Corbitt in "Blackbirds Boogie in the Black Moonlight," at Josie's Cabaret. Corbitt, author of Theatre Rhino's widely acclaimed "Crying Holy" returns to Josie's with his new revised work, a narrative reflection of a person with HIV disease on his past as a slutty Black bottom in the SF leather scene. From back alley sidetracks fueled on crystal meth to quiet, full-frontal exposures of one man's colossal loss from the AIDS epidemic. Don't miss this work by Corbitt, a proud African American homoradical poet & performance artist. Play runs Wed-Sun, tonight thru 5/9 at 8 pm. Tix $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.
May Day Film & Video Fest continues at ATA (see 5/3). Tonight's program: Madeline Anderson's *I am Somebody* documents the victorious strike by 400 Black women hospital workers in South Carolina in 1969; Stephanie Black's *H-2 Worker* exposes the exploitation of Jamaican laborers by the Florida cane sugar industry; Paper Tiger Television's *Yes, We Can!* presents an inside look at the successful 1991 campaign to win fair wages for Southern California janitors.

MAY 6 / T H U

Wayne Corbitt in "Blackbirds Boogie in the Black Moonlight," at Josie's Cabaret. Corbitt, "a proud homoradical poet & performance artist," author of the acclaimed "Crying Holy," and "The Gospel According to Wayne," performs "Blackbirds," a narrative reflection of a person with HIV on his past as a slutty Black bottom in the SF leather scene. From back alley sidetracks fueled by crystal meth to quiet, full-frontal exposures of one man's colossal loss from the AIDS epidemic. Show plays Wed-Sun at 8 pm, thru 5/9. 3583 16th St at Market, SF Info/res: 861-7933.
Betty Bethards, mystic, healer and author of *The Dream Book* and *Be Your Own Guru* lectures on "How to Find Your Life Purpose," at Ft Mason Center Bldg A, SF. 8 pm, $9 gen'l, $6 srs & youth. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: Inner Light Foundation (707) 765-2200.
At Old Wives Tales Bookstore: Contributors from the new anthology, *The Time of Our Lives: Women Write on Sex After 40*, edited by Dena Taylor and Amber Coverdale Sumrall, read from their stories. Erotic, proud, serious & fun tales of women living full sexual lives after age 40. 8 pm. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.
May Day Film & Video Fest continues at ATA Gallery (see 5/3). Tonight's schedule: *Alaska Health Issues & Indigenous Peoples* by the traditional DENA:INA Health Committee studies the effects of vaccine treatment on indigenous peoples suffering from hepatitis.

parents & kids box

Transition to Parenthood groups for lesbian couples (inseminating, pregnant or parenting). Info: Institute for the Psychology of Women (510) 849-3256.
Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services Parenting Program sponsors several upcoming events: **Artificial Insemination Wkshop** 4/27, 7-9 pm, $25 per person. For lesbians interested in the how-tos of insemination/self-exams using a speculum. Facilitated by Barbara Raboy of the Sperm Bank of Calif. Speculums provided. Bring a flashlight, pillow, hand-held mirror & two towels. Group limited to 15 women. **Adoption Lesbian/Gay/Bi Families**. 5/11, 7-9 pm, $10 per person. Diverse panel composed of gay adoptive parents, DDS rep & private adoption agency rep address adoption issues & experiences for alternative families. Learn more about the public & private adoption process. **Choosing Children Seminar:** 6/15—7/27, 7-9 pm, $10 per evening. Series of panel discussions on specific issues related to becoming a parent and the variety of choice possible in creating alternative families. Topics include considering parenthood, legal issues, getting pregnant, lesbians & gay men parenting together, adoption, choices in pregnancy & birth, etc. All events (except for the Lesbians Considering Parenthood Support Group) are held at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF. For pre-reg or more info call 565-7674.
Lesbian Family Day at Slide Ranch, a nonprofit education center located on a small farm in Marin. Lesbians with or without children are welcome to spend a day of discovery on the farm—hike along ocean trails, make bread & cheese, enjoy the excitement of being alive outdoors. 5/29, 10 am-3 pm, $12 per person. For info/reg call 381-6155.
Children's Programs at La Pena: All events begin at 10:30 am; kids $2, adults $3. 4/24: Stories, games & songs with Mickey Make Believe (aka Robert Rovin); music in Spanish & English with Alisa Peres. 5/1: Latin American music with Jackeline Rago and Erika Luckett. 5/15: The Boogie Down Jugglers prsent fast-paced, fun & funny "environmental edu-tainment"—unicycling, juggling, magic & more. 5/29: Songs & stories from around the world with Nancy Raven. 6/5: Stories & songs for the young at heart with storyteller/African thumb piano player Diane Ferlatte. 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.
Storytime at Cody's: Held every Sat afternoon at Cody's Bookstore at 3 pm, unless another children's event is scheduled for that day. For info/schedule call (510) 845-7852. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.
Children's Storytime at A New Leaf Recovery Bookstore: 545 Magnolia Ave, Larkspur. Call for program info: 924-8970.
Randall Museum Programs: Workshops & classes for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Plenty of free parking available. Sat workshops begin at 1 pm, and last 1-2 hrs. ***Sat Workshop Schedule***—4/24: **Animal Pop-Ups** with Julie Dodd Tetzlaff. Learn to make fun & fanciful animal pop-up cards & books! $3/person. ***Family Classes Schedule:*** Adults who attend class with their kids must pay the class fee. **Family Ceramics:** 4/20-5/25, Tues 3:30-5 pm; 4/24-5/29, Sat 9:30-11 am. Ages 3 & up with adult, $8 per person. Intro to clay work for parent & child, taught by Dennis Treanor. **Cross-Cultural Traditions Schedule:** Saturdays 10 am-12:30 pm, ages 5 & up, under 10 with an adult. Explore Native American & Shamanic traditions. Classes are experiential & include artwork, singing, crafts & learning from nature & ceremony. 4/24: Treasure Pouches, $12 per person. 5/1: May Day Celebration, $10 per person, 5/15: Medicine Shields, $13 per person. 6/5: Animal Helpers, $13 per person. **Family Gardening Class:** 10:30 am-noon, 4/24-29, all ages; 7 & under with adult; $8 per person. Enjoy the museum's vegetable garden. Learn to prepare soil, plant seeds & pamper seedlings; plus garden games, crafts, songs & harvests; taught by Denise Clair Angel of SLUG (SF League of Urban Gardeners). **Parent & Child Woodwork Class:** 4/24-5/29, Sat 10-11, ages 3-7 with an adult, $14 per person. Build toys, sculpture and other creative projects with your youngster, learn about woodworking with hand tools; taught by Bill Bocheff. Call 554-9600 for more info. 199 Museum Way, SF. Spons by the SF Recreation & Parks Dept.
Eastbay Lesbian Moms interest group: Come meet other moms with children of all ages for friendship, networking, childcare exchange, potlucks, outings, fun! Info: (510) 836-2165.
Parenting in the '90s Series at SFJCC: "Birth Order & Gender," Debbie Freed, MS, discusses the ways in which birth order and gender affect individual lives, relationships, family dynamics & friendships. 4/29, 6:30-8:00 pm, $7. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

galleries

On Exhibit at the de Young: "Viewpoints XX: Louis Comfort Tiffany & Art Glass," exhibit of art glass by Tiffany and his American & European contemporaries, plus examples of the ancient iridescent glass that inspired his works, thru 8/22. "Plein Air Sketches by Julian Walbridge Rix," exhibit of oil-on-panel sketches by the renowned landscape artist (1850-1903); thru 5/2. "Symphonies on Stone: Lithographs by James McNeill Whistler," thru 5/9. "Art Nouveau Dress," exhibit featuring a dozen costumes & fans reflecting the swirling curves & clear colors of Art Nouveau style; thru 9/12. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.
SF Museum of Modern Art: Exhibit of work by visionary Japanese architect Shin Takamatsu, thru 6/6. "Clifford Still: The buffalo & SF Collections," touring exhibit, thru 6/13. Exhibit of photos, early drawings & collages, recent silkscreen paintings & fiberglass sculpture by Richard Prince, 4/29-7/25. 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.
Judah L Magnes Museum: "Kafka, Eve, the Wolf & My Grandmother's Bread Bowl: 4 Calif Artists Confront Jewish Identity," works by Laurie Poilster, Elisse Pogofsky-Harris, Willliam Rosen & Rachel Schreiber on exhibit thru 5/23. "Meditations Concealed & Revealed," large mixed media pieces & an installation by Shoshana Greenberg, on exhibit thru 5/23. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 849-2710. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.
The Mexican Museum: "Burning Dreams: Selected Works by Carlos Almaraz," an LA-based Chicano painter who died of AIDS in 1989. Thru 5/9. Space will be provided in the gallery for visitors to share the names of other artists who have died of AIDS. For other programs related to this exhibit call 441-0445. Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, Laguna & Marina Blvds, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids under 10 are free, first Wed of each month admission is free, noon-8 pm.
Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "Body Doubles," photography representing the human body as a site of desire; thru 4/25. "Yosemite Before Ansel Adams," presents a selection of images taken before 1916, the year the teenaged Adams made his first exposure there; thru 5/23. "CJ Laughlin: Visionary Photographer," 5/5-6/13. "Brancusi Photographs," 5/5-6/13. Ansel Adams Portfolio IV," 5/28-9/5. "Proof: Los Angeles Art & the Photograph, 1960-1980," 6/23-8/22. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.
SF Camerawork: Hrs: Noon-5 pm Tues-Sat. 70 12th St, btwn Market & Mission at South Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 621-1001.
Eclectica Gallery of Contemporary Crafts: "Fimo: The New Clay," exhibit of the polymer clay jewelry of Sarah Nelson Shriver. 5/1-6/11. 1795 Market St, across from Octavia, SF. Info: 626-6255. The artist will be prsent on 5/1, 11 am-4 pm and 5/2, 1-4 pm, to demonstrate her millefiore technique & custom making jewelry for those interested.
Cards 'N Jazz—A Sports Gallery: "The Smell & Feel of the Game," exhibit of original oil on canvas paintings by Bill Williams capturing the feel and smell of sports. Thru 5/20. 1528 Pacific Ave, btwn Polk & Larkin, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm, or by appt. Info: 474-1096.
Cartoon Art Museum: 665 Third St at Townsend, SF. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm Wed-Fri, 10 am-5 pm Sat, Sun 1-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids 12 & under are free. Info: 546-3922.
Clay Studio: "On Bended Knee," recent sculpture by Leigh Barbier, 4/24-5/30. Reception 4/24, 6-8 pm. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm Wed, Fri & Sat & by appt. 52 Julian Ave, SF. Info: 431-6296.
CCAC Door 3 Gallery: "Miss Ogilvy's Closet," a mixed media installation by EG Chrichton. Exhibit invites the viewer to wander thru an ivestigation of past & present female identities as circumscribed by the metaphorical closet. On exhibit 4/27-5/1. 111 Myrtle St. Oakland. Hrs:

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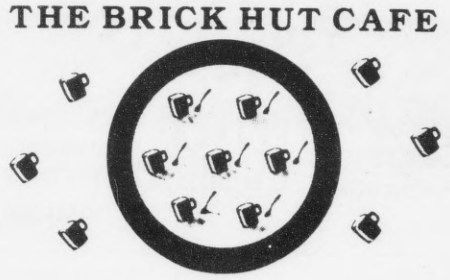
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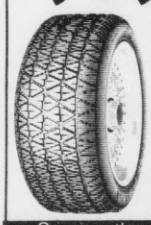

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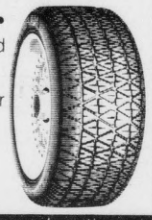

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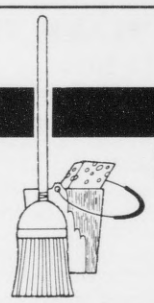

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Edith Caldwell Gallery: Works on paper by Patty Look Lewis, on exhibit thru 5/1. 251 Post St, SF, 2nd floor. Hrs: Mon-Sat 11 am-5 pm. Info: 989-5414.

Eye Gallery: 5th annual benefit photography auction features over 150 vintage & contemporary photographs donated by artists, collectors & dealers throughout the country. Includes work by Ansel Adams, Harry Callahan, Ruth Bernhard, Horace Bristol, Nan Goldin, Michael Kenna, Mary Ellen Mark, Joel Meyerowitz, W Eugene Smith, Jock Sturges, Edward Steichen, Brett Weston, and others. Preview thru 4/23, live auction 4/24 at 1 pm. Registration for the event begins at 11 am that morning. Mission St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 431-6911.

John Pence Gallery: "South Dakota Landscapes," recent oil paintings by Dorothy Morgan; thru 5/15. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

The Lab Gallery: "100 Reasons," a consensual installation by Sheree Rose, based on a text by Mike Kelley. Thru 5/1. Rose has graphically explored the world of body modification and the s/m subculture both as a participant and as an artist chronicler. Her work presents the s/m community from an insider's point of view. 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Wed-Sat. Info: 346-4063.

Robert Dana Gallery: Recent works by landscape artist Giovanni Mancini and figurative artist Sarena Rosenfeld. thru 5/3. 1849 Union St, SF. Hrs: Mon & Wed-Sat, 10 am-6 pm; Sun 11 am-5 pm. Info: 749-1849.

Robert Koch Gallery: "Jazz," photos by William Claxton of the 1950s & 1960s jazz scene. Exhibit runs 4/15-5/22. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Beads: Ancient, Traditional, Tribal & Trade," on exhibit thru 4/25; "Memories in the Tips of Our Fingers," works by political refugees & survivors of torture in Latin America, thru 4/25. "Art Deco in SF," exhibit features elegant, well designed utilitarian objects, both one-of-a-kind and machine made, from SF's art deco period; on exhibit 5/1-6/27, reception 5/4, 5-7 pm. "Face to Face: Clayton Bailey & Traditional Southern Face Vessels," on exhibit 5/1-6/27, opening reception 5/4, 5-7 pm. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

SF Art Institute Diego Rivera Gallery: At Walter/McBean Gallery: "Nobody's Pet Indian," exhibit of photo & photocollage work by Native American artist Hulleah J Tsinhnahjinnie, exploring issues of Native American experience & identity; thru 5/1. SFAI, 800 Chestnut St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Thurs till 8 pm. Info: 771-7020.

Stamp Francisco Gallery: 466 8th St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Fri 10 am-5 pm, Sun 11 am-3 pm. Info: 252-5975.

University Art Museum: 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-0808.

Pacific Film Archive: 2625 Durant Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 642-1412.

Vision Gallery: "Digitally Altered Photographs," by Graham Nash, on exhibit thru 5/15. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.

Vorpal Gallery: Sculpture by Thai Bui, Gregory Solomon Falk, Ken Kalman & Ken Matsumoto on exhibit thru 5/22. 393 Grove St, SF. Info: 397-9200.

MACE Space for Art: New works by Travis Somerville, on exhibit thru 5/15. 1319 Pine St at Hyde, SF. Hrs: Tues-Fri 5-9 pm, Sat noon-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 931-9670.

Mincher/Wilcox Gallery: 228 Grant Ave, SF. Info: 433-4660.

Morphos Gallery: Group show features photographic work by Katherine du Tiel, Michelle Handelman & Monte Cazazza, Elliott Linwood, Michael Lewis, Margo Weinstein, Scott Mutter, Charles Gatewood & Frank Garvey. On exhibit thru 5/20. 544 Hayes St, SF. Info: 626-1936.

Three Muses Artspace: Hrs: Sundays by appt. 395 Valencia St, SF. Info: 255-7420.

Pro Arts Gallery: "Lineage," paintings by Claude Clark, Sr and sculpture by Claude Clark, Jr. On exhibit thru 4/24. 461 9th St at Broadway, nr 12th, Oakl. Hrs: Wed-Thurs noon-6 pm, Fri-Sat 10 am-5 pm. Info: (510) 763-4361.

Richmond Art Center: "TV Times: The World thru the Box," work by several artists, urging the viewers to question the role of television in their lives. Exhibit runs 5/11-7/11, opening reception 5/12, 5-7 pm. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm; Sat-Sun noon-4:30 pm. Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

ARU Gallery: "In & Out," group show, painting & constructions by Jennifer Stady; prints, painting & sculpture by Kirk Stoller. On exhibit thru 5/8, installation dates thru 4/23. Hrs: 11 am-7 pm, Tues-Sat. 736 14th St, SF. Info: 621-1551.

NIAD Gallery: Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm, Sat 11 am-3 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

New Langton Arts Gallery: Installations by Nancy Munford, Gay Outlaw & Paul Ramirez-Jonas, on exhibit thru 5/15. 6-8 pm. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Meridian Gallery: "Heroes," photography by Hulleah Tsinhnahjinnie, on exhibit thru 5/1. Hrs: Tues-Sat 1-5 pm, and by appt. Info: 398-7229. 545 Sutter St, btwn Powell & Mason Sts, SF. 2nd floor.

Oakland Museum: "The Arts & Crafts Movement in California: Living the Good Life," exploration of Calif's unique contribution to the British-born arts & crafts movement of the mid-1890s to the 1930s; on exhibit thru 5/23. 1000 Oak St, Oakl. Info: (510) 238-3401.

The Luggage Store Gallery: Recent paintings by Jack Hirschman & Josee Andrei, on exhibit thru 5/15. 509 Cultural Center Annex, 1007 Market St, SF. Info: 255-5971. Hrs: Thurs-Sat 1-5 pm, and by appt.

"John LeFlore: Paintings & Drawings," on exhibit at Common Grounds Cafe, 3170 16th St, SF. Thru 5/12. Info: 621-7504.

Turn of the Century Fine Arts Gallery: Exhibit of artwork by Michael Provart runs thru 5/29. 2518 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Hrs: 7:30 am-5 pm Mon-Fri; noon-5 pm Sat. Info: (510) 849-0950.

Paintings by Add Bonn, on exhibit at Crepe & Coffee, 2821 California St, SF. Thru 5/10.

"Landmarks," a solo exhibit of 25 artworks on paper by SF artist Robin Tichane. On exhibit 5/1-6/30 at the Commonwealth Club of California, 595 Market St at 2nd, SF. Artist's reception 5/13 at 4:45 pm, includes wine & cheese, plus "AIDS' Dark Terrain: Twelve Stations from a Yankee Pilgrim," a 30 min dual projection slide-talk on woodblock prints. 5:15 pm, ($9 admission). Info/res: 597-6705.

"Acceptable Distress," photography by Robert Cardellino, on exhibit thru 5/31 at Architects & Heroes, 2239 Fillmore St, SF. Info: 921-8383.

"Salud A Mexico," photographs by Miguel Ronquillo, celebrating Cinco de Mayo's cultural victory. Exhibit runs 5/2-30 at Josie's, 3583 16t St at Market, SF. Opening reception 5/2 at 4 pm. Info: 861-7933.

"Primavera" works by 22 artists on exhibit at Spectrum Gallery exploring our relationship to nature, thru 5/30. 511 Harrison St, SF. Info: 495-1111.

"Home Makers," photographs by Sarah J Wells on exhibit at Ft Mason Center as part of SF Art Institute's MFA show. Work takes a close look at gay & lesbian relationships in their domestic environment. Exhibit runs 5/8-16, 10 am-6 pm. Info: (707) 865-1171.

"Male Nudes," by SF photographers Steven Baratz and Steve Dell, on exhibit at Forbidden Images Gallery, DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Thru 5/29. Info: (408) 280-5313.

On stage

Livin' on Salvation Street by Terry Gardner. Comedy details one eventful week in the life of three generations of an all-female Kentucky family, circa 1958. Theatre Rhinoceros production. Show runs thru 5/1. Tix $11-17. For showtimes, res & other info call 861-5079. 2926 16th St, SF.

Black Teeth: An Obscene, Deliberately Repellent, Mean Piece of Work by Mel Clay. Play about a wine connoisseur, a big-game sport fisherman and a woman chained to the wall. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater production. Play has an open-ended run, Fri-Sat at 9 pm. Tix $10. Marilyn Monroe Memorial Theater, 96 Lafayette St, btwn 11th & 12th, off Howard, SF. Info/res: 552-3034.

We Are Here... Dark Divas. Avant-garde dinner show featuring storytelling monologues, poetry & songs about "loving a man from his head to toes and all the paradise in between." The Dark Divas are Ross Hanna & Uthra (aka Lorenzo Buford). Every Monday, thru April at Muchachas Restaurant. 4238 18th St, SF. Tix $25 dinner & show, no-host bar. Seating limited. Info/res: 929-1430.

The Real Live Brady Bunch a staged reenactment of the '70s sitcom, by Faith & Jill Soloway. Part theater, part comedy night, and all party, the show's scripts are taken from the most memorable episodes of the popular TV series. Features heavy audience participation. Show runs Tues-Thurs at 8 pm; Fri at 8 & 9:30 pm, and midnight; Sat at 7 & 9:30 pm and midnight; thru May 8. Tix $18.50-$25.50; available at (510) 762-BASS. Alcazar Theatre, 650 Geary St, SF.

HMS Pinafore by Gilbert & Sullivan opens Lamplighters Music Theatre's 41st season. A family favorite at Presentation Theatre, 2350 Turk Blvd at Masonic. Show runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 4/25. Tix $22. Info/res: 752-7755.

Claustrophilia by Amy Freed. An unconventional romantic comedy about voluntary entombment. Play takes a satirical look at the brilliance of Edgar Allan Poe as it tells the final chapter of the marriage of Poe and his child-bride/cousin, Virginia "Sissy" Clemm, beguiling parable of sexual politics. Play runs with Freed's new work, **The Ghoul of Amherst**, a solo piece about the obsessive nature of Emily Dickinson. Climate Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, thru 5/16. Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Info/res: 626-9196.

Goose & Tom Tom by David Rabe. Comedy about two paranoid, small-time gangsters. Phoenix Theatre production. Runs Fri-Sun thru 4/25. Tix $14 Fri & Sat, $10 Sun. Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

Aspects of Love by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Musical tells the story of 5 people whose passionate & tangled relationships stretch over a 17-year period. Best of Broadway production. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Wed & Sat matinees at 2 pm, Sun matinees at 3 pm thru 4/25. For tix & other info call 776-1999. Curran Theatre, 445 Geary St, SF.

i.e. Deutschland IV, solo performance by Karina Epperlein deals with contemporary German history from WWII to the present. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 3:30 pm thru 4/25. Asian American Theater Center, 403 Arguello Blvd, SF. Info/res: 751-2600. Tix $10-12.

Why We Have a Body by Claire Chafee. Contemporary comedy, a humorous exploration of female myths & relationships. Play follows Lili, a private investigator, who is having an affair with a married woman. Magic Theatre production. Runs thru 5/2. Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 pm. Closing night performance 5/2 at 7:30 pm. Tix $12-21. Info/res: 441-8822.

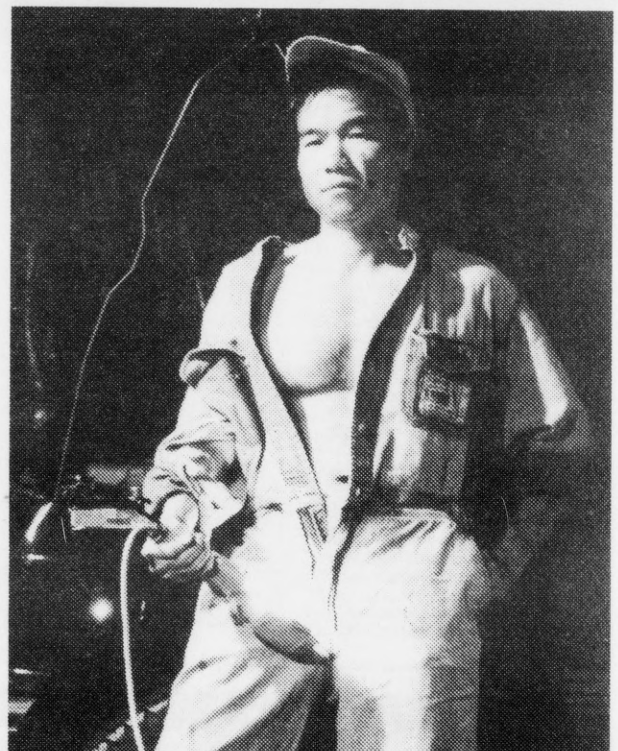
Jesus Christ Superstar highly acclaimed rock opera with music by Andrew Lloyd Webber and lyrics by Tim Rice. Previews 4/27 at 8 pm & 4/28 at 2 pm, opens 4/27 and runs Tues-Sun thru 5/9 at the Orpheum Theatre, SF. Tix $55 orchestra/loge, $48 mezzanine, $32 balcony. Info/res: 776-1999.

The Big Funk by John Patrick Shamley. A provocative comedy that holds a funhouse mirror up to contemporary society. A Theatre Valentine production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, thru 5/1, $9.95. Above Brainwash Theatre, 1126 Folsom St, SF. Info/res: 267-7616.

Falsettos by William Finn & James Lapine. Award-winning musical, a funny & touching story of love, relationships and a different kind of family. Play runs at Curran Theatre, 445 Geary St, SF, 4/27-5/23. Info/res: 776-1999.

Come Back to the 5 & Dime, Jimmy Dean, Jimmy Dean by Ed Graczyk. The "Disciples of James Dean" of McCarthy, Texas hold their 20th anniversary reunion party. During the course of the evening, illusions & false fronts are slowly stripped away, revealing amusing, painful & shocking realities. Artfull Circle Theatre production. Previews 4/23-25 & 29, opens 4/30, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 4 pm thru 5/30. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St btwn Laguna & Octavia, SF. Info/res: 626-5455.

Free Fall based on the plays of Dino Buzzati, created & directed by Veronique Guillaud. Play is "a metaphor for the ephemerality of life," a voyeuristic site-specific performance of words, sounds & images. Company Mundial Sisters/Veronique Guillaud production. Previews 4/22, runs every night, 4/23-5/1, at 8 pm. Aston Pickwick Hotel, 85 5th St at Mission, SF. Info/res: 485-3812.



"LubricAsian," a butch drag dance party sponsored by Gay Pacific Alliance, on May 1. Check Calendar for info.

Top Girls by Caryl Churchill. Play explores the position of women in a changing society, taking a hard look at the struggle of women in a male-dominated world. Gem Art production. Previews 4/23 at 8 pm, runs 4/24-5/30, Thurs-Sat

at 8 pm, Sun at 7 pm. The Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St at Folsom, SF. Tix $12 Thurs, Fri & Sun, $15 Sat. Info/res: 621-4423.

The Client by CD Arnold. The last play of the SF playwright, *The Client* is about the life-giving effects of a dying actor's struggle to create a final performance that will sum up his life and his work. Kaliyuga Arts production, in association with New Conservatory Theatre Center. Play previews 4/29, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, 4/30-5/22 at New Conversatory Theatre Center, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Tix $12 Thurs, $14 Fri & Sat, preview tix $10. Info/res: 861-8972.

Breakfast in the Flesh District, Danielle Willis' one-woman show, a chronicle of the City's more provocative after-hour happenings, has an open-ended run, Fri-Sat at 10 pm, at Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Info/res: 626-9196.

After the Fall by Arthur Miller. Miller's powerful, autobiographical 1964 study of a man in midlife crisis. Actors Theatre production. Runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm thru 5/22. Sun matinees 5/2, 9 & 16 at 2 pm. Tix $25 opening, $14 Wed, Thurs & Sun; $16 Fri & Sat; $14 matinees. Actors Theatre of SF, 533 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 296-9179.

Cry Havoc by Allan R Kenward. Set in 1942, the play is a moving study of human nature under the stress of World War II. Bedini Theatre Project production. Runs Fri & Sat at 8 pm at Miz Brown's Cabaret Theatre, 2565 Mission St nr 22nd, SF; thru 5/1. Info/res: 921-2769.

Bubbe Meises, Bubbe Stories, musical written & performed by Ellen Gould. Play is a granddaughter's joyous & touching remembrance of her two immigrant grandmothers, combined with her own search for personal identity. Lorraine Hansberry Theatre production. Runs Tues-Fri at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm, tix $23 & $25, Sat at 3 & 8:30 pm, tix $25 & $27; Sun at 7 pm, tix $23 & $25. Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, 620 Sutter St, SF. Info/res: 433-9500 or BASS.

The Importance of Being Earnest by Oscar Wilde. Wilde's hilarious, classic comedy of manners. Produced & directed by Michael-Colin Reed of "Whatever Happened to BB Jane?" fame. Play runs every Wed night at 8 pm, Sat at 4 pm, Sun at 7 pm; thru the end of May. Tix $10. Artfull Circle Theatre, 47 Waller St, SF. Info/res: 626-5455.

I Witness by Mary Miller. Play looks at three lives in an African American family forever changed by the possession of a secretly videotaped murder of a Black man by the police. Oakland Ensemble Theatre production. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sat matinees at 2 pm, Sun matinees at 3 pm, thru 5/16. Alice Arts Center, 1428 Alice St nr 14th, Oakland. Tix $11-$25. "Thursdays Voices" post-performance discussion for "I Witness" on 4/22. Info/res: (510) 763-7774.

Fish Head Soup by Philip Kan Gotanda. Popular play has been extended thru 4/25 at Asian American Theater Center, 403 Arguello Blvd, SF. For showtimes, tix & other info call 751-2600.

Drifting Fires by Janine Beichman. A modern Noh original written by an American playwright, the performance piece tells the story of an otherworldy encounter with the ghost of the last woman on earth, still wandering among the flames of a world she loves too much to leave. Theatre of Yugen production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 3 pm (except 5/9, Mother's Day). 5/4-29. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa at Alabama, SF. Tix $8-12, two-for-one during the first week. Info/res: 621-7978.

Music Box by Tara Nicole Youngblood. Revelations of rape and incest as told thru song, dance & dialogue. 4/23, 24 & 26 at 7:30 pm, 4/25 at 2 pm. Tix $7-10, no one turned away for lack of funds. New College of Calif Community Theatre, 777 Valencia St, SF. Proceeds benefit the Humanities Multicultural Scholarship Fund.

Private Lives, Noel Coward's wickedly witty comedy of bad manners, conclude's Berkeley Rep's 25th anniversary season. Previews 5/7-11, opens 5/12. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, thru 6/27. Sat matinees at 2 pm on 5/15 & 29, 6/12 & 26; Thurs matinees at 2 pm on 5/20, 6/3 & 17. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison St, Berkeley. Tix $19-31. For tix & other info call (510) 845-4700.

...And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie. Pacifica Spindrift Players production. Play runs Fri & Sat, 4/30-5/22. 8 pm Fri & Sat, 2 pm Sun on 5/16. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 srs & stdnts. Oddstad Theatre, 1050 Crespi Dr, Pacifica. Info/res: 359-8002.

The 15 Foot God and **Paper Boys** by Deke Weaver. A performance monolog with videos, about sex, religion, impotence & the American Way. 1800 Square Feet production. Runs Thurs-Sat 4/22-24, 4/29-30 and 5/1 at 1800 Square Feet, 719 Clementina St, SF. 8:30 pm. For tix & other info call 255-8510.

City of Angels, Tony Award-winning musical presented by Diablo Light Opera Co. Book by Larry Gelbart, music by Cy Coleman, lyrics by David Zippel. Runs thru 5/22 at Regional Center for the Arts, Walnut Creek. For tix & showtime info call (510) 943-SHOW.

Medusa's Daughter, written & directed by Karen Paull. Play runs 4/29-30 and 5/8 at 8 pm, matinee 5/9 at 2 pm. Studio Theatre, School of Creative Arts, SF State University, 1200 Holloway Ave, SF. Info/tix: 338-2467.

Cinderella... the real true story Tribad Productions tale tells of what happens when Cinderella falls for the princess, and love runs like a stream through the realm. Play runs Thurs-Sat, thru 5/8 at Five Corners Theatre, corner of English & Western, Petaluma. For showtimes & tix info call (707) 545-9806.

Laughing Wild by Christopher Durang. Provocative, brilliantly inventive & funny story of the perils of modern life in urban America. Hilarious look at the rigidity of the Catholic Church, nuclear waste, rude taxi drivers, homosexuality, AIDS, affirmations & more. Caryn Horwitz production. Runs thru 5/23, Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 7 pm. Tix $12. Theatre Rhino Studio, 2926 16th St nr Mission, SF. Info/res: 861-5079.

Forever Plaid by Stuart Ross. A tribute to "guy groups," this musical follows the journey of a harmony group, "The Four Plaids" whose lives were cut short by an unfortunate car accident. Show previews 5/15 at 8 pm, 5/16 at 7 pm and 5/18 at 8 pm. Regular performances run Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sat & Sun at 2 pm, Sun at 7 pm, at the Alcazar Theatre, 650 Geary St, SF. Tix at BASS.

Watch Your Back Gary Leon Hill's jazzy urban drama, directed by David Ford. Set in NYC's Lower East Side, play is a portrait of an artist living on the edge. Magic Theatre production. Previews 5/7-8, opens 5/12, runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 pm, thru 5/30. Closing night performance 5/30 at 7:30 pm. Magic Theatre, Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, SF. Tix $12-21. Info/res: 441-8822.

The Baker's Wife, an amorous, whimsical musical about life in a 1930s French village. Palo Alto Players production. Runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm thru 5/8. Tix $13-17. Info/res: 329-2623. Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Rd, Palo Alto.

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ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 621-0291 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance), SF. Info: 241-8800 or FAX 252-9277.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm. First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

The Brothers Network is an African-American organization providing free emotional support for HIV + gay & bisexual men. Support groups include a Tues eve drop-in, peer counseling and ongoing African-American specific groups. Info: 749-6714. FAX 749-6706.

Men of African Descent with Disabling Disease Drop-in Support Group spons by the SF AIDS Foundation: Safe, confidential place to talk about HIV issues, share experiences with other men of African descent, discuss treatment options, support service access & other topics. Fri, 1:30-3 pm, SF AIDS Foundation, 3rd floor conference room, 25 Van Ness Ave at Market, SF. Info: 864-5855 or just drop in! No group held on 11/26 & 12/31 1993.

HIV/ARC/AIDS Gay/Bi Men's Peer Support Group meets Fri 10 am-noon at Pacific Center Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301, Walnut Creek. Open group, $5 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds). Info: Margaret Walker (510) 939-7711.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS; for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC; & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

Valley of the Moon AIDS Project offers free, bimonthly support groups for people living with AIDS/HIV, and their friends & family. 1st & 3rd Tues of each month, 7-8:30 pm at Sonoma Vintage House, 264 First Street East, Sonoma (rooms 111 & 113) Info: David (707) 938-3765 or Sheana (707) 935-6260.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

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Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat'l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif, (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

"The Killing of Sister George," a film clip from Daniel Mangin's "Bottoms Up" playing at Josie's Cabaret. Calendar has details.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430.

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV +, persons with AIDS/ARC; 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC. Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consultation. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Danny Yu 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men— Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Group for HIV + Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men: Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by GAPA Community HIV Project. Call Paul 575-3933 for info.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle: Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm. 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought: AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info, or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV +, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF, 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD). Mental health services, interpreting services and psychosocial support. Info: 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free discussion group/class in SF. Led by a registered dietician. For info/location call (510) 547-7893.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV +/AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Mon eves at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV + Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV + Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV + African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

St Mary's Hospital & Med Center offers: HIV & AIDS support group for gay & bisexual men living with HIV disease; Tues 5:30-7 pm, free; led by two facilitators. Group discussion focuses on the emotional aspects of living with HIV disease and/or having AIDS, 3-month commitment required, call Korey Wong 750-4923 for interview/info. Support Groups for people who have lost a loved one to AIDS—eight-wk groups are open to everyone, call 750-5718 for info/reg.

Visual Aid: Artists for AIDS Relief provides vouchers for art supplies to professional artists with life-threatening illnesses. Vouchers are redeemable at participating Bay Area art & photo stores. Applicants must have a letter of diagnosis of AIDS or other life-threatening illnesses. Info: 391-9663.

The Respite Care Program of Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF (VNH) offers up to 250 hours of respite care services so that family caregivers may have a break from caregiving responsibilities. The program is supported by CARE Act ("Ryan White") funding, and there is no charge to clients who meet the eligibility criteria. Info: 861-6959 ext 554.

Hospice by the Bay is a certified provider of home health care & hospice services for persons with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. People may receive these services in their homes or in a skilled nursing facility. Those eligible for services are also provided with practical/emotional support volunteers & support groups. Call 673-2020 for more information.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364 (for middle or later recovery groups) or drop in at orientation (Tues-Thurs at 3 pm) for early recovery group & individual counseling. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Smith House detox center for women. Six-bed, non-medical alcoholic detox facility designed by women for women, spons by Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. Info: 387-0244

Acceptance Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for gay men. 673 San Jose, SF. Info: 695-1708.

Baker New Place provides residential drug & alcohol treatment for men & women who are HIV positive. 1375 Grove St, SF. Info: 346-6193.

18th Street Services provides outpatient individual & group counseling for gay/bi men and transgenders with alcohol and/or drug problems. Sliding scale, no one turned away for inability to pay. Multicultured staff. HIV/AIDS info & referral. 217 Church St, SF. Call 861-4898.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638), No Calif—332-1418.

16 Steps to Empowerment: Group for people who feel left out or turned off by 12 Step groups. Meets Wed at 5:30 pm. For info call Christine 661-5716 or Elisabeth 928-3679.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Men-Only Weight Watchers Group meets Wed 6:30 pm at MCC-SF.

Lesbian Overeaters Anon Mtg: every Tues, 8-9:15 pm at Metropolitan Community Church (MCC)-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Everyone welcome.

Free Drop-in Group for lesbians, gay men & bisexual women & men with alcohol and/or other drug problems. Thurs eves 7-8 pm. Info, support & referral regarding substance abuse problems. Spons by Operation Recovery (part of Operation Concern.) 1853 Market, SF. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 626-7000 V/TTY.

Quit Smoking Clinic: 8-session courses for smokers who are serious about quitting. Led by ex-smokers. $35. Limited enrollment. Spons by SF Dept of Public Health. Info/res: 554-9763.

Men's Sexual Addiction 12-Step Group (SLAA) at the Parsonage. Focus on recovery and fellowship. Wed at 8 pm. Free. 555A Castro St, SF.

Adult Children of Alcoholics Gay & Lesbian Mtg: 8 pm Wed nights in the Castro district at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Room 104. Info: Pauline 428-1048.

Self-Mutilators Anonyous (SMA) of SF: Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Castro. This is a closed meeting, please call (510) 538-4563 for more info. SMA is a recovery program based on the 12 Steps.

Self-Mutilators Anonymous (SMA) Sonoma County: 2nd & 4th Tues, 7:30-8:30pm in Petaluma. This is a closed meeting. Please call (707) 528-9216 for info.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write: GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Sat & Sun 2-5 pm, or by appt. You must call ahead before coming to Archives.

Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Library: Research & lending library contains books, periodicals and clipping files about cancer and women's health issues. Library will mail out info & answers questions over the phone. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-7 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 548-9272. 3023 Shattuck Ave at Emerson, Berkeley.

DAIR (Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research) maintins a categorized collection of over 150,000 clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 1970s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am]4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 673-0862. Mailing address: 2336 Market St #33, SF 94114.

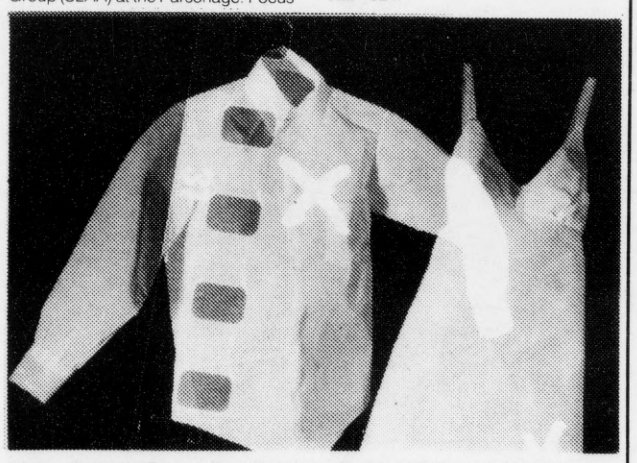
► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St, #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center: A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group: Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.



"Miss Ogilvy's Closet," a mixed media installation at CCAC Door 3 Gallery. See Galleries for info.

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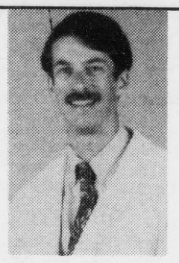

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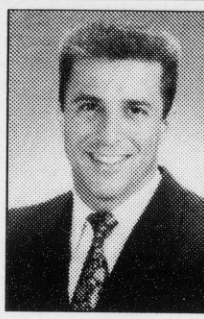

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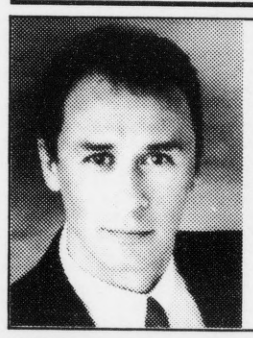

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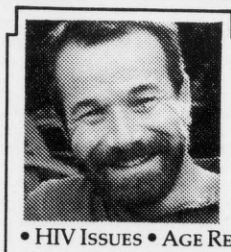

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Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Sun at 6:30 pm. For info/location call (510) 465-9671.
Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.
BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St, SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 648-6332.
Bi-Friendly UC: Rap & social group for all members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community. Meets Wed, 6:30-8:30 pm. Location/info: (510) 642-6942. Spons by MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance). Wheelchair Accessible.
Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.
Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.
Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.
Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.
Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area: Support & discussion group welcomes any bisexual, questioning or bi-friendly woman. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month, 7-9 pm, followed by social at a local cafe. New participants are asked to attend the 2nd Thurs meeting. $3-5 donation requested. Quarterly network listings available, send SASE to BiNet, PO Box 934, Santa Cruz, 95061-0934. For location/info call (408) 427-4556.
Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Social Group meets monthly. Info: 979-4023.
WRAMBA (Women's Radical Activist Multicultural Bisexual Alliance), feminist discussion/support/political action group for bi women meets Sun, 1-4 pm. Info: Krista 661-1497.
Co-gender Bisexual Social Group for bisexual youth, spons by YRIC. See Youth.
Bisexual Group meets every Wed eve, 7-9 pm in SF. Couples 30+ especially welcome. Info/location: 441-1866.
Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Gay & Bisexual Male Incest Survivors are invited to submit autobiographical reflections/personal narratives in written form for an anthology on gay/bisexual male incest survivors. For info/guidelines, send SASE to: Boundaries Limited, 584 Castro St, Ste 410, SF 94114-2588. No perpetrators, please. Deadline: 4/31.
Women Incest Survivors Seeking Bay Area incest survivors who have used art as a means to work thru incest experiences & assist in the healing process, and are interested in sharing their work in an art show or book. For info/details: Susan Reeder, 140 Amherst Ave, Menlo Park, 94025. Names of all respondents held in strictest confidence.
1993 Festival at the Lake Photo Competition: Amateur & professional photographers who live in the 9 Bay Area counties are welcome to submit photos of the places in which they live, work & play. Photos may be of people, landscapes, absiact images, interiors, etc. Photos will be exhibited at the Festival at the Lake on 6/4-6. For more info call (510) 286-0585 or send SASE to FATL, Photo Contest, 1630 Webster St, Oakl. Deadline: 4/26.
'93 Gay Pride Art Exhibit: Levi Strauss & Co Lesbian/Gay Employee Association is accepting submissions from Bay Area lesbian, gay & bisexual artists, all medias, for upcoming Pride Exhibit (6/11-27). Submit up to 5 slides, SASE with $5 entry fee payable to LGEA, with resume/statement to LGEA Art Exhibit, 1155 Battery, SF 94111. Deadline: 4/30.
Gay/Lesbian Veterans of the Vietnam/Gulf War Eras: The Nation magazine seeks accounts of your experiences working/living alongside straights and/or other gays in the military, for a special edition to be devoted to gays & lesbians in America, one section of which will feature essays from those who have served/are serving in the armed forces. Send short accounts (1200 words max, 2-3 typed pages) describing what the atmosphere is like for gays/lesbians in combat, on routine duty or in the barracks. If sexual activity was an option for you while in the service, feel free to write about it. Send entries SASE to Mark Marton, The Nation, PO Box 423475, SF 94142. For details call Mark 621-4274.
Restless Pens: A Gay & Lesbian Playwrights Festival, spons by Golden Gate Performing Arts, The New Conservatory Theatre Center & Theatre of Arts Original, seek full-length plays for possible production & scenes. Send one-acts and works-in-progress for possible staged reading. Subject matter is open, but all playwrights must be openly gay or lesbian. For details send copyrighted script with $15 to Golden Gate Performing Art, Restless Pens, PO Box 421491, SF 94142-1491. Deadline: 5/31.
Bedside Companions: Essex Hemphill, cultural activist/editor (*Brother to Brother: New Writings by Black Gay Men*) seeks submissions to *Bedside Companions*, his forthcoming anthology of short fiction by Black gay men. The anthology "aims to chart territory beyond the coming-out stories and the political treatises on racism... to more closely examine home, friendship, family—immediate and extended—lovers, 'brothers,' and the impact life's joys & sorrows have on these relationships." Guidelines: Send each piece of short fiction (10-20 pgs) in duplicate with SASE. No poems, essays, entire novels, plays or play excerpts. No simultaneous submissions. No gratuitous sex, violence, misogyny or sexism. Black gay artists interested in submitting art work for the anthology's cover & illustrations are encouraged to send up to 6 slides, clearly numbered & identified, with SASE. Cover slides may be b&w and color, inside slides are b&w only. Send original, unpublished submissions with SASE to: Essex Hemphill, Anthology 1993, 401 Wilshire Blvd, Ste 700, Santa Monica, CA 90401-1455. Deadline: 6/1.
SexArt 3: Mark I Chester seeks artwork on sex, sexuality & eroticism for his annual Folsom St Fair Show. Open to all media with a special interest in black & white photography. Deadline: 7/15. For appt, leave message at 544-1136; for a prospectus, send SASE to POB 422501, SF 94142.
I Never Said Goodbye to Nat: Submissions of poetry, letters, prose, etc., written to or for those who have died of AIDS, or are HIV-positive; for a book to be published called *I Never Said Goodbye to Nat*. Profits will benefit AIDS organizations. For more info or to send submissions (SASE): Mary R Sanders, The Nat Foundation, PO Box 308, Briarcliff NY 10510.
Dominature: Artists Television Access (ATA) seeks short (25 min or less) film & video works and 2-D works (ie photos, paintings, etc) exploring the human relation to nature, particularly illustrating themes of domination, consumption and exploitation; or offering alternative perceptions of this relationship. Submit work on ½" VHS or slides to: Dominature, Artists Television Access, 992 Valencia St, SF. 94110. Enclose SASE for return. Info: John Bird or Elizabeth Meyer 824-3890. Deadline: 5/15 for 3-D, 6/1 for video.
Female Artists & Craftswomen are welcome to participate in the 1993 "Celebration of Craftswomen," the largest juried women's crafts fair in the United States, spons by the SF Women's Building and taking place at Ft Mason Center, SF, in December. Application deadline: 6/12. For more info call the Celebration hotline 361-0700 or send SASE to Celebration of Craftswomen, SF Women's Centers, 3543 18th St #8, SF 94110.
We're Not Who You Think We Are: Submissions sought for an anthology on "the silent majority of gays, lesbians & bisexuals." Narratives may include the obvious (Native Americans, hearing impaired, etc) or not-so-obvious (closeted priest or politician, biracial couple suffering discrimination from other gays, lesbian who opposes abortion). The goal of the anthology is to show how varied our community is. Strong opinions encouraged. For more info contact Stephen Kyle, PO Box 2745, Quincy, MA 02269. Manuscripts are to be typed, double-spaced. Length: up to 6000 words. Send SASE. Deadline: 6/93.

Rita Mae Brown appears at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books on April 28. Check Calendar for details. Photo by Sigrid Estrada

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.
Game Night! 6-10 pm every Sat night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pictionary, or any game you bring. Come meet friendly folks, have some fun! Info: (510) 548-8283.
Women's Night at the Elephant Walk: Every Mon night! Piano bar 8-11 pm. Corner of 18th & Castro, SF.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.
American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.
Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA, SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.
Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.
Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.
Women's Cancer Resource Ctr: info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.
Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.
Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).
Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).
Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.
Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.
Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF: Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.
The Healing Circle: Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.
Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.
Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call 476-4883.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.
Phoebe Snow Society int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.
Gay Men's Sketch informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.
Sacred Circle Dance: Dance ancient & contemporary dances from all over the world. Emphasis on building community & honoring ourselves. All dances taught. Beginners welcome! Fri 8-10 pm, 1819 10th St, Berkeley. 4th Fri potlucks held in El Cerrito. Info: Laura or Howard (415) 359-0207.
Dark Shadows Society: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.
Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.
Like to read? Talk about books? Come to an informal monthly potluck brunch & reading discussion group for women. For info/location: Nancy 221-5623.
Bay Area Booklovers: Group for gays & lesbians who take fiction seriously. Meets every 2nd & 4th Sun of the month. Info: Jay 771-3198.
SF Single Lesbian Dogophiles meet 1st & 3rd Sun of each month for friendly, easy dog walks at Ft Funston. Bring your dog, borrow a dog or just come to meet other single dog lovers. Rain cancels. Info: Mary Lee 282-4278 or Elaine 648-2299.
Lavendar Winds Kite Club: Group for gay/lesbian kitefliers, and those with an interest in kites. Lavendar Winds Kite Club is a chapter of the American Kitefliers Association. For more info write Brian, PO Box 5118, #464, Fremont 94537 or call (510) 797-6997.
Dreamers & Dreamworkers Group for those interested in searching the creative power of dreams. Group of loyal friends meets regularly to share our dreams & help each other discuss the meaning of inner thoughts. Info: 584-1034.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm, Sun 2-8 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & life-styles. 621-7300.
SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.
Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.
San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.
Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.
Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357
Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.
Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling, AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.
Epicenter Switchboard: Free, nonprofit information & refferal service offered by Epicenter Zone. The switchboard provides social services information for SF and the Bay Area—healthcare, housing, youth services, legal aid, disabled needs, activists groups, employment, women's needs; lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender services, crisis lines, parenting help, and much more. Hrs: Mon-Sat, noon-6 pm. Call 431-4600.
SF Rape Treatment Center: 24-hr hotline—206-3222. Call for crisis intervention, medical treatment, in-person counseling and optional legal evidence collection for adult survivors of sexual assault. SFRTC is a multicultural organization supportive of lesbian, gay, biseuxal and transgender people. All services are free and confidential.
Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa & Marin: 24-hr crisis line for sexual assault & abuse survivors. Call (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.
SF AIDS Foundation Hotline: (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No Calif (800) FOR-AIDS, TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.
AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.
Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.
SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.
Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.
Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.
SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-members. Call 282-6622 for info. 558 Capp St, SF.
Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.
ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.
Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.
Eldercare Locator: Provides access to an extensive netowrk of organization sreving older people at state & local community levels. Call (800) 677-1116. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc of Area Agencies on Aging.
Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.
GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from

Eye Gallery benefit auction features vintage and contemporary photos. Galleries has info.

trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau: addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove: Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Codependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).

SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.

SF Youth Line: 752-2000

SF Drug Line: 752-3400.

Dial—A-Dyke: Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

La Raza Lawyer Referral Service (LRLS): Get consultation with an attorney experienced in the area of law you need. Info: 641-1069.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Support Group for Adult Men Who Were Raped/Sexually Assaulted as Teenagers or Adults: Free, 10-wk facilitated groups offered by SF Rape Treatment Center. A safe, nonjudgemental place to explore the effects of the abuse & continue the healing process. Led by Susan Wachob, LCSW, extensively-experienced facilitator of groups for male & female survivors of sexual abuse. Individual counseling also available. Info: 821-3222.

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous : 12-step, self-help group meets Tues 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors (RAS) Group: Group for women & men. Open discussion of all aspects of RA experience. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: Jennie 648-0347.

Ritual Abuse Survivors Support Group for women who practice some form of Buddhist meditation as part of healing from RA. No writing experience necessary. Free. Info: (510) 534-9928.

Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors offered individual therapy, support groups, legal advocacy & crisis line thru Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin. Info: (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.

Support Group for Lesbian Partners & Close Friends of Childhood Sexual Abuse Survivors: Provides space for personal issues, while recognizing the overall societal context of oppression. Not a 12-Step group. Non-facilitated, group members determine group focus. Info: Suzanne 826-1113.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Men who have been physically and/or emotionally abused in relationships. Led by licensed clinical psychologist, spons by Gay Men's Domestic Violence Project. For info/reg: CUAV 864-3112. Confidentiality guaranteed.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Pursuing Fertility: Support group for women who have made 10 or more insemination attempts. Group explores the emotions & complications associated with trying to get pregnant. Info: Marsha (510) 835-8919.

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking coparenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.

Southbay Gay Parents: an organization for gay fathers & lesbian mothers. Meets 3rd Sun of each month in the San Jose area for mutual support & for exploring parenting issues. For information call (408) 293-4525 for more info.

Ever Given Up A Child for Adoption? Ongoing support group for birthmothers: offers support for healing our losses, help in searching for our children. Info: 626-8124.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood," Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents, see Health.

Support Group for Non-Biological, non-legal, "other" mothers whose parental rights are not being honored by the biological mother; or who feel in danger of not being allowed to see their children. Eastbay location. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials: every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed, 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Delores St, SF. 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Asian Pacific Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Young (510) 465-7394. for more information.

Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.

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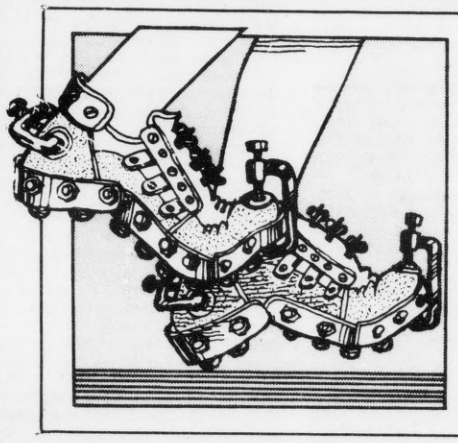

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Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in. Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA): group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

Pacific Friends-SF: Non-political organization whose sole purpose is to promote greater cross-cultural understanding & friendship between Asian/Pacific Islanders and other cultures, thru cultural, educational & social activities. Info: Robert 227-0946 or Elliot 564-7199.

Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For info write ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114 for call (510) 428-0179.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

The Brothers Network provides emotional support to African American gay and bisexual men who are HIV+. Services include support groups, peer counseling. See AIDS Resources.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

"Art, Sex and Theatre," a group photo show on April 24 & 25. See Calendar. Photo by Michael Rosen

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont CA 94002.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr: Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

Arab Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For details write: ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114. Call (510) 428-0179 for info/location of next meeting.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

Young Women of Color Group spons by LYRIC. See Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

Jon Sims Ctr for the Performing Arts: "multidiscipinary force for artistic freedom, cultural democracy, and community outreach". Presents music, dance & musical theatre performances, and educational programs. 1519 Mission St, SF. New members are always welcome. JSC is especially interested in making programs accessible to ethnic minorities and people of color. Call 621-5619 for mtg times & other info.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call 773-9181.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.

Rainbow Singers: Spiritually-centered vocal ensemble of gay/queer men; performs chants, rounds, improvisations for healing, empowering & celebrating. Mostly a capella, but drums, instruments welcome. Experience & music-reading preferred. Call Kristopher 621-4099 for details.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

Lesbian Chamber Musicians Group for lesbians interested in exploring chamber music by women of the past & music by women living today; preparing house concerts of women's music; and holding informal evenings for reading traditional chamber music. Info: Anne 661-3886.

Bay Area Gay & Lesbian Ensemble meets wkly in the Eastbay. Group committed to creativity & fun! Rehearsals on Thurs eves or Sun afternoon, instrumentalists of all types & abilities are encouraged. Info: 1-(800) 999-6795.

Community Women's Orchestra: Amateur ensemble open to all women who play an orchestral instrument & have ensemble playing experience. String players especially needed & welcome. Wkly rehearsals in SF & Eastbay. CWO plays works by women composers as well as traditional orchestral repertoire. Info: (510) 428-1350.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre: political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.

Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311 or Marion (510) 208-3241 for details.

Visual Artists Critique Group: Ongoing group mtgs provide consistent & informed feedback to visual artists. All levels of skill, technique & creativity are welcome; politically inspired or socially conscious work is encouraged, but not essential. Info: Claude 821-7931.

Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).

Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance group open to men & women who are interested in mastering and performing dance routines, human pyramids, partner lifts & gymnastic stunts. Practices held Tues, 6-8 pm at Jon Sims Center, Mission St, SF. Info: Steve (510) 228-7497 or Michael (415) 863-0533.

SF Fringe Riders: Bay Area's only women's country western performance dance troupe welcomes new members. Info: Wendy (510) 525-5912. For mailing list inclusion call Diane (510) 532-0281.

LIPS (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on projects with others lesbians artists in a studio space. Ongoing workshops in different media. Info: Pamela (510) 222-4552.

Lesbian Playwrights Group meets Sunday afternoons. For details call (415) 282-4510 (SF) or (510) 436-3324 (Eastbay).

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. For meeting times, location & info call the Queer Line, 985-7141.

Transgender Nation: A focus group within Queer Nation fighting specifically for transgender rights, within the general struggle for queer rights. Group meets Wed at 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

Queer Scouts is devoted to exposing & eliminating the homophobia, racism, sexism & religious tyranny of the Boy Scouts of America. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.

Queers for Cuba works to build solidarity btwn Cuba's struggle to survive as a sovereign socialist nation & our struggles for social justice here. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94100.

ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.

ACT UP/Golden Gate holds general meetings on Tues 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B, SF (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance. Info: 241-8800, FAX 252-9277. Mailing address: 519 Castro St, MS-93, SF 94114.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.

GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.

BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; who recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, and seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.

Veterans CARE (Veterans Council for American Rights & Equality) protests discrimination against lesbians & gays in the military, seeks to allow homosexuals to serve openly in the armed forces. For membership & other info write to Veterans CARE, PO Box 855, Nice, CA 95464-0855 or call Jack (707) 274-1303.

Gays in the Military: Help lift the ban! Call the Bay Area Military Freedom Project 306-0477.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.

Lavender Greens: Independent gay/lesbian/bi/trans Green group creating ecofeminist community thru mtgs/salons. Meets 3rd Sat every month. Info: Anita (510) 465-4445 or Jim (415) 252-9169.

Stonewall Gay Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic politics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.

Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.

1993 March on Washington Northern California (North Bay) Committee meets every two weeks to coordinate media, outreach, fundraising & other work. All-volunteer staff. Call David Bartlett 626-8016 for more info or to get involved. You're needed!

Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and Action Alert Network. For more info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.

Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.

Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm. SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.

Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation, mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.

G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers. Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.

Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.

United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St. #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.

Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.

Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.

BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078. Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.

National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA): The gay "j's" are journalists & supporters focusing on workplace & coverage issues in the mainstream media. Info: 905-4690.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.

Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.

St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.

Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator helps families & friends find information about community services for older people, anywhere in the United States and its territories. The service is funded in part by the Older Americans Act. For info call (800) 677-1116.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.

UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.

Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.

Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance at UC Berkeley (MBLGA): See Support Groups.

Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.

Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc; in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455, (510) 596-3578.

Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets 10:30-1:30 pm on the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. You don't have to live in the Berkeley Flats to attend, just bring something to eat or drink. Call the hotline (510) 273-2465 for location.

Tri-City Area Lesbians: (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.

Melting Pot/Palo meets monthly in our homes. Group welcomes all ages, singles & couples, multiracial, open to all diversity. Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.

Melting Pot/Mountain View meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Joe 961-1296.

Melting Pot/San Mateo County meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.

Oakland Lesbians living between Telegraph, Broadway, 40th & 51st Streets: Meet your lesbian neighbors for community & fun! Call (510) 655-8792 for more info & to get on the mailing list.

Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.

Napa Valley Men's Network: Social organization of gay and bisexual men over 18, from Northbay counties. Group meets for potluck dinners on the 2nd Sun of each month, and for addt'l events as scheduled. For newsletter, write PO Box 4307, Napa 94558.

Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.

Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics: mid-twenties breakdown, generation identity, PC, activism, Bradys, etc. SF location. Info: 252-9097.

Die naechsten Potluckparty des Deutschen Freundschaftskreises erfolgt am dritten Freitag des Monats. Alle, die Deutsch sprechen oder Interesse haben sind herzlich Willkommen. Fuer weitere Infos bitte Don unter 329-1438 anrufen.

Venite! Gruppo sociale per chiacchierare in italieno. Last Friday eve of each month. Call 824-2323.

Russian-speaking potluck social: 2nd Fri of every month. All ability levels welcome, from native to beginner. Info/location: Don 329-1438.

Language Practice/Social Group for people of color; see People of Color.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.

Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.

East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.

New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.

East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.

Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.

Older Single Dykes Social Group: Social activies, friendship, networking & support in an alcohol, drug, s/m, smoke & perfume-free environment; for dyke-centered lesbians over 40. Dyke separatists especially welcome. Info: (510) 482-0635.

Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.

The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.

Negatives Being Positive: Social group of HIV negative gay men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. See Main Calendar listings for upcoming events or call the Event Line 476-6448 and press option 4 at the recorded message.

Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

The Guys: A social alternative for athletic, active gay guys. Sun brunches, Tahoe, hiking, beaches, biking, pool, bowling, etc. Info:(510) 531-5836.

Brainy, Artsy Gals: Group meets for potluck parties, first Fri of each month. SF & Eastbay locations. Info: (510) 658-9389.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York: Contact Chris (510) 649-1408 for details.

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Baylands Frontrunners: Social and running/walking club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Southbay & Peninsula locations. Men & women welcome. Group meets every Sat at 9 am at the Baylands Athletic Center in Palo Alto. For more info call (408) 984-4076.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.

Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular "Decide & Ride" each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips, as well as purely social events. No membership fees. For info call 721-4299.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 281-5666 (24-hrs).

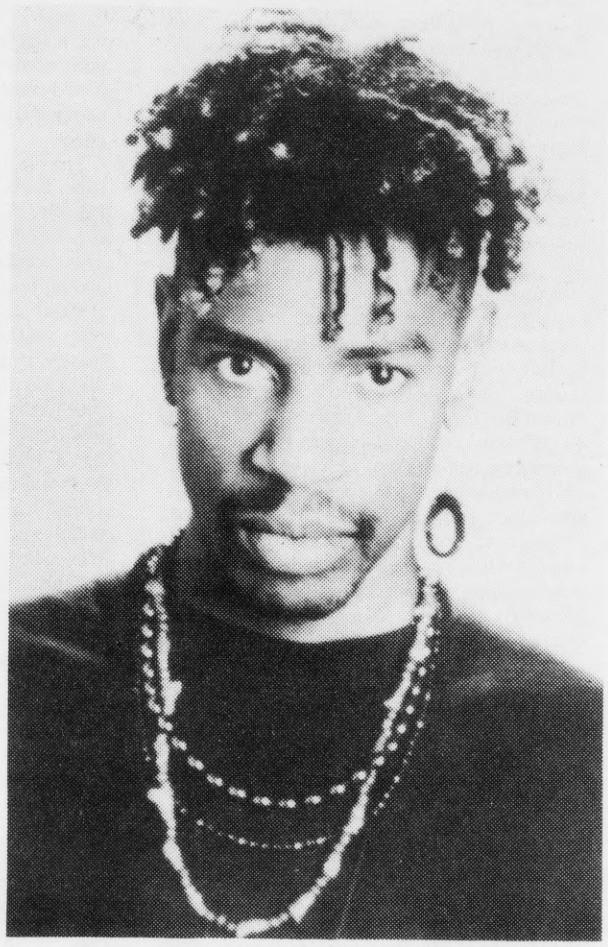
Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.

0**Wilderness Women** explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave,

Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.
Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Practices: Thurs at 7 pm, Sun at 12:30 pm. Info: Gene 821-2991.
SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.
Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont, CA 94002.
Pegasus Motorcyle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872, Ed/Eastbay (510) 531-5243 or Allen/Marin (415) 389-0905. Also check Main Calendar.
Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.
Northern Calif Rainbow Divers: Lesbian & Gay Scuba Club for the active diver in Northern Calif. Meets 2nd Tues of every month at 7:30 pm at the Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF. Info: Greg Abrams 821-2877.
SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim team invites swimmers of all ages, races, gender & abilities to enjoy both competitive and non-competitive swimming. Group participates in meets, lake swims, int'l gay aquatic events & numerous social events throughout the year. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Info/locations: 431-1933.
Barbary Coast Boating Club: Gay yacht club serving Northern Calif. Meets 3rd Wed of each month at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 7-9 pm. All interested visitors are welcome! Info: 905-6267.
Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.
Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.
Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.
Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.
SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.
Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 695-9056 or 863-2789.
Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 626-5427 x2.
SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.
Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Kenpo Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 731-7560.
Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.
Hand to Hand Martial Arts: Nonprofit provides dynamic, woman-centered martial arts & self defense training in the Eastbay. Head instructor: Coleen Gragen, 4th degree black belt. Info: (510) 428-0502.
PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.
Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers. All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.
BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.
ABS (Arcadia Bodybuilding Society): Int'l bodybuilding organization, organizers of the annual SF gay/lesbian Physique Show. All levels welcome. Info: 978-9495.
Lesbian & Gay Ultimate Frisbee Team. Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. If you can play weekly & want a good workout, you're welcome! Call Claire 285-0936 for more info. All skill levels are welcome.
Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.
East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players soical group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Losing A Best Friend: free pet loss support group spons by the SF SPCA for people who have lost an animal companion. Led by Dr Betty Carmack, the group helps pet owners work thru feelings of loss, anger & depression. 7:30-9 pm, 1st Tues of each month at the SF SPCA, 2500 16th St, SF. Info/res: 554-3000.



Wayne Corbitt in "Blackbirds Boogie in the Black Moonlight" at Josie's. Calendar has info.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.
Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.
Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.
Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.
Adoptee Support Group for adoptees & those interested in adoptee issues. Mon 7:30-9 pm at SF State Women's Center, Student Union, 2nd floor, room 114. Free. Everyone welcome! Info: BJ 885-6124.
Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley: Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.
Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.
Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.
Walnut Creek Gay Support Group meets Tues at 7 pm at Pacific Ctr, 1250 Pine St #301, Walnut Creek. Info: 939-7711.
Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay: Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.
Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.
Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.
Support Group for Women whose partners have a chronic illness. Build a circle of friends you can draw support from. For info call Pam 641-0461.
Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.
Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.
Tri-Valley Gays/Lesbians: Support group for all gay people in the Tri-Valley area meets in Pleasanton, Mon at 5 pm at The Center, 4725 First St, Plesanton. Info: Claudia Hartley (510) 846-2085.
Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).
Career Support Group for Midlife lesbians who are unemployed, changing carers, newly employed or underemployed. 8-wk groups facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Mon 6-8 pm, low fee. Info: 431-6405.
Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.
Support Group for Lesbians 45 & Older. Focus on issues of our age group. Info: Ruth Gabriel 864-2565.
Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.
Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 252-9073.
Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.
Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.
Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.
Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.
Gay Male Couples Support Group meets wkly. Group for men in committed relationships. Info: 861-4045.
Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: (510) 827-4077.
Fasting Support Group for Gay/Bi people. Meets weekly in San Mateo. Free. New fasters are welcome! Call Richard 573-8124 for info/location.
Men Against Circumcision: NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.
Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4657 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.
SF PFLAG: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.
Peninsula FLAG: Monthly support group for parents & friends of lesbians and gays meets 7:30 pm, 2nd Wed of each month at First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave, San Jose and 3rd Thurs of each month at St Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Group welcomes gay, lesbian & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: (408) 270-8182 or (415) 857-1058.
Woman-to-Woman SM: Outcasts is an educational, support & social group for women interested in s/m between women, including lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women. Info: Write PO Box 31266, SF 94131-0266.
The Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center provides support groups for deaf and hard-of-hearing queers. For info call 885-2341 TDD or use California Relay 1-800-735-2922. Several different groups offered.
MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance) at UC Berkeley spons support groups, socials and other events for members of the UC Berkeley and UCSF communities. Info: (510) 642-6942.
For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship**

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men): 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.
TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month, SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!
Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618
SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.
Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.
Transsexual Support Group: Group for anyone who is transsexual or has gender issues. Beginners welcome. Group meets every Fri except last Fri of the month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.
Transgender Nation: Focus group of Queer Nation, see Political.

► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Group for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.
Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.
Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.
McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.
Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.
Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.
Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo. Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.
12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.
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Chanticleer performs at Calvary Presbyterian Church on April 24.

beat this by don baird

Sexist Motherfucker Still Shaking That Ass

It was last Saturday at about 9:30 pm. I was around in my room feeling sorry for myself about missing out on Prince tickets and pretty much hating the whole goddamn bum-fuck world for the constant barrage of vile heinous shit it forces us to wade through in the trenches of modern urban living in the hell-hole '90s. Everyone's dead, everyone's broke, everyone's part-time psychotic, everyone's selling stuff just to eat, everyone's bitchy, everyone has an ad, everyone wants a cigarette—or drugs—and everyone who has tickets to see Prince probably started liking him because of *Batman* or are just plain no-count fuck-wits who don't deserve the pleasure.

You get the picture. Then the phone rang and it was just a call from an average guy who works an average job at your usual ticket outlet who had Sunday-night Prince tickets for me and the infamous Margret of Lollapalooza fame—tickets he risked his job to procure and alert us to at the last minute. We had exhausted all possibilities of our own during the week, poor Margret leaving a message on my machine identifying herself as a walking blowjob for Prince tickets. She's biting my style, but I try to keep it restricted to Collingwood Park. But, because we deserved them and had endured as much of the aforementioned unpleasantries in life as two people can handle without a prescription, we were on for the show.

The Civic Auditorium was a nostalgic location for me, because on Valentine's Day in '82 or '83 I saw Prince there. Since that fateful night I've been lucky enough to catch every possible show he's done in the Bay Area, including a few surprise gigs in smaller venues. Here it was, ten years later, same place, and what do you know, it's Easter Sunday! It's not the same sexy and pink as Valentine's Day, but if anyone can sex up a holy day, particularly the one celebrating the resurrection of Jesus, it would be Prince, and the Shroud of Turin would be a cum rag tossed aside on the ascent to heaven, a place of eternal sexual bliss, according to his ministry's teaching.

Only if the Vatican walls could talk would we find anyone else who has consistently presented the concepts of sex and God as synonymous, and as a means for one's own spiritual/sexual gratification. In this belief Prince possesses a bona fide purity, not the power to demand head in a confessional from a flock of altar boys who will be condemned to hell if they tell of this divine practice.

But enough of my silly the-Pope-gets-head-all-the-time theory; it suddenly struck me that the fashion implications of a Prince concert on Easter Sunday could produce a startling mixture of Full Light Gospel-type Sunday best and neo-psychedelic slut gear with exposed butt cheeks. Upon arrival to the venue I realized I'd overestimated the crowd's sense of style. It was a real nondescript group, save for the occasional pair of teenage girls who had dressed ostentatiously so as to imply to a crowd of thousands that they were "somebody" as they walked down the aisle.

Margret quickly jumped in line for a look at the concert merchandise. I was astonished at the $32-36 prices for what I thought were totally ugly T-shirts, but Margret, being a good bargain hunter, procured two small pins of the symbol found on the cover of Prince's latest release, a sort of mixture of an ankh and the male and female symbols. It was cool and inexpensive.

The first song, as one might easily predict, was "My Name Is Prince," the brilliant opening cut from his latest album, and a pompous, self-congratulatory claim to funkiness and anyone's daughter in town. I love the blasphemous rewrite of Genesis ("In the beginning/ God made the sea/ And on the second day/ He made me") and the basic outlaw attitude of the song. Released in conjunction with Prince's signing of the largest monetary contract in recording history, barreling out after two mediocre to unsuccessful previous albums, the song is like his own spray-painted "tag" claiming all trains in the subway of funk. I love the combination of adolescent mischief and bona fide corporate power. This is one of the finest moments in his unusual career as a pop star. Too bad the sound was a bit muffled from where we sat and the vocal was almost lost to our ears, but that eventually improved.

Prince: Has his provocativeness gone too far?

The set proceeded, sticking to the same order as the record, with "Sexy Motherfucker" showcasing the stop-on-the-dime tightness, the occasional flourishes of instrumental acrobatics that hint at improvisational greatness, and the easy-as-breathing ability to develop a solid groove, of Prince's current band the New Power Generation. Adept musicians such as this unfortunately can fall into a showy but too-technical coldness, and this complex unit of players was great but they didn't burn—perhaps to better showcase the firestorm burning inside that 5'3" frame upfront.

I certainly hope they weren't holding back to better showcase the silly scenario about the Arabian princess, played out in song and dance by Prince and a few of his new females, a male rapper and a couple of henchmen/dancers. I found the storyline incomprehensible, and some of the dancing was very ordinary except when it came to Prince, whose physicality and sense of dance movement is pure genius and purely unique, yet indicative of many influences.

I was suddenly reminded that Prince has been doing the shocking physical vulgarity thing onstage much longer than Madonna. He has a totally amazing ass and can do incredible things with it, a point made clear with an unabashed focus a few times in the show. He is such an odd-looking little man, with a large head made larger by a pretty high hair style. Bucking and whipping all over the stage, he reminds me of a miniature circus pony with water on the brain.

Three songs into the show, Margret and I were freaking out. Not because we were so thrilled to be seeing Prince after all and he was putting on a great show, but because we couldn't believe the words coming to mind at that time. I leaned over and whispered, "Never in a million years did I think I'd say this, but this really isn't that good." She agreed and said, "I can't believe I'm not loving this, but I'm not." We were perplexed, nonplussed and in complete disbelief.

The onstage yarn spun on, never really meaning anything to me until suddenly it did. A woman playing the role of a pesty lady journalist was grabbed by the three male dancers who, with slightly brutal-looking choreography, stripped her clothes off to a pink undergarment while Prince looked on laughing. Now I know this bit is up to a variety of possible interpretations, but I felt the implication of rape was far too strong and not the least bit funny or cute. That, coupled with the Muslim imagery, took it even further into the realm of total offensiveness. This was irresponsible bullshit to present to an audience as a laughable act. This was not entertainment.

Before this atrocity took place, a much more exciting moment onstage occurred when the dancers went into the audience and escorted some of the ladies up front onto the stage while Prince was singing, "Show Me How You Wanna, How You Wanna Be Done," over and over. About 16 to 20 girls slowly danced their way toward him in a shrinking half-circle of spontaneous, natural, sexual movement. It was a brilliant idea that progressed to a formation like the line of dancers on "Soul Train," with some of the girls dancing their turn down the line, and Prince adding occasional words of approval for certain struts or attitudes. It's always magical to see someone experience a dream come true or a night they'll never forget.

I decided to cruise the men's room for a while. Not near the looks you'd see at an alternative rock show like Ministry or Sonic Youth; as a matter of fact, I hadn't seen a more drab and less exciting crowd since the last time I saw Springsteen.

During intermission we spotted a friend of ours who had attended the last two Prince shows with us. He had much better seats, first row balcony, right beside the Disposable Heroes of Hiphoprisy, so for the second half we all took turns sitting in pretty good seats. This set was a sort of nonstop greatest hits medley with Prince excelling vocally on what has become a true American rock anthem, "Purple Rain." This song marked the moment when the crowd was the most focused, in the palm of his hand, holding lighters up, swaying in unison, etc. And just when all those reactions were beginning to make me sick, the vocal would come in and just soar and give me goosebumps and prove again this little man's genius and talent.

The medley included "Scandalous," "Baby, I'm a Star," "1999," "Kiss" and "Get Off." During "Get Off," one of the sexiest upbeat dance floor gems Prince has ever come up with, his dancing reached its peak of sex-god splendor and his ass in action never looked finer.

I also became more aware of a prop that had been used sporadically throughout the show but was most effective during this song. It was his cordless microphone shaped like a gun. He would continually use it in dance moves to simulate his own penis, then suddenly bring it to his lips to sing into it. This triple-header in the symbolism department was clever as hell and sent the mind reeling with psycho-sexual connotations. He made the announcement, "Seems like me and the New Power Generation will do nothing but wrong tonight," and took the set harder and dirtier and more lowdown funky all the way to the end. He'd done it again, he proved his genius in the second half and he did it on his own terms—flawed, filthy, childish, self-absorbed, silly and with talent and energy to spare. But, as with every Prince show I've ever seen, he truly hits his highest peak of genius when he picks up that guitar. He is monumental, even during what I thought to be his worst show I'd ever witnessed, the motherfucker.

lounging about by val c. phoenix

Tired Music And Its Discontents

"We've seen The Who smash their instruments. We've seen Led Zeppelin abusing their groupies. We've seen Jane's Addiction doing drugs. Now people are glad to see a new perspective. Let's face it. Rock 'n' roll's tired," said Jennifer Finch of L7 recently.

Rock has assembled its share of cliches: the attendant legends of sex, drugs and violence, all of them created and nurtured by men, thereby designating any woman who ventures onto this ground either an unwelcome interloper or a hanger-on.

It is nonetheless interesting to see women in rock subvert the paradigm. The most feminine thing onstage at L7's recent show was the band's male roadies dancing in flowered print dresses. L7 has been criticized for being too reverent of the boy rock tradition, though Jennifer, for one, feels they give the "tired" rock formula a twist. "I think in the music there is something a little different," she says.

One of the elements of rock "rebellion" has been the mosh pit. Thrashing, moshing, slamming—whatever name you give it—the mass movement of bodies popularized at punk shows has become one of those tired rituals, I think. It's often just an excuse for violent male bonding or copping a feel. I love rock energy, but crashing into someone has never appealed to me, and so I never do it in public. Here's why.

Recently, I went to see a surprise show by the Breeders at the Paradise Lounge, a 30-minute set that turned out to be the most violent show I've ever experienced. Two songs into the set, the crowd started a sideways rocking motion that slammed those of us on the sides into the wall, with nowhere to go. There really was no reason for it, since the Breeders aren't a thrash band, and the space was too small to do it safely.

I felt like I was at a soccer match or something, being pummeled by bodies on one side and the wall on the other. My claustrophobia kicked in and I began sweating, not from heat, but from the intense physical exertion of trying to protect myself. It wasn't just unpleasant, it was terrifying, and ten days later I still have bruises.

What made it more scary was the total obliviousness of those slamming, and indeed, of the band onstage. The next day, I asked bassist Josephine Wiggs if she thought the crowd was unusually unruly, and she said no. "There have been occasions when we've played shows and we have noticed people getting hurt, and we try and sort it out, but I... didn't notice it last night."

The experience really made me question the accessibility of rock shows to women. Often, it's such a fucking battle even to get to the stage. Once you get there, it's guaranteed the tallest man in the house will come and stand in front of you. It's been my experience that most men at shows have no concept of personal space. They'll push to the front, often dragging their girlfriends behind them. It's like an advertisement for the awfulness of heterosexuality.

One of the most amazing things I ever witnessed was Kathleen Hanna of Bikini Kill setting the ground rules for the band's show. She made the men go to the back of the hall and beckoned the women to the front. Once the women were upfront, they stayed there and pushed the men back. That was the only time I've ever seen a band take responsibility for the audience dynamic at its shows. It was wondrous to behold.

Jennifer has this to say about pit wars. "I see a lot of young women involved in the music scene who wanna take over the pit... It's hard to be an entertainer and see people get the shit beat out of them. You end up having to say 'Stop that' and

be a school principal.''

No matter, I wish more bands would take responsibility for what goes down at their shows. Not everybody likes to slam, and no one should have to choose between getting close to the stage and staying safe.

Rock may be tired, but as Jennifer says, ''It's fun as shit.'' Except when you're getting hurt.

OUT OF THE PIT AND INTO THE STANDS

After my awful Breeders experience (and I still love the band), I had my worries about the benefit

Jennifer Finch of L7 in action at Tresnjevka Women's Group benefit at the Cow Palace.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

show they were playing the next night at the Cow Palace. Knowing they were sharing a bill with Nirvana, L7 and Disposable Heroes of Hiphoprisy, I was multiplying the rabid fans in my head. It turned out to be really fun, though. I decided to forgo getting up front, and instead spent a calm and tranquil three hours off to the side on some risers where I could see everything and not get trampled on. It wasn't very participatory, but it was what my battered body (and mind) could manage.

The show seemed *nice* and *friendly*. I could see some moshing and heard that at least 50 kids went over the front barrier. A friend of mine got her breast grabbed, but she smacked the nearest guy as a warning to anyone else. The people-watching was excellent. There was the usual spot-the-dyke. I also watched three pre-pubescent boys in, respectively, Metallica, Nirvana, and Guns N' Roses T-shirts. They've got some hard choices ahead of them.

Watching Nirvana's Kurt Cobain fling himself into the drum kit, my first thought was, ''Jeez, I hope he didn't hurt himself.'' Then I thought, ''How rock 'n' roll. How tacky, cliched and totally rock 'n' roll.'' I wonder if Jennifer approved.

Another rock cliche: the dangling cigarette. Keith Richards is one purveyor of this, but I have to say, Kim Deal of the Breeders has it down to an art, and even a militant non-smoker like myself has to say it suits her. Who cares if she's probably taken ten years off her life? She looks cool. After recording here for the last two months, the Breeders have left town, but the record's due out in the fall.

BELLY UP

I was mighty pleased to hear Belly played as the intro music to the Breeders set—a little tip from Kim to Tanya Donelly, I guess. If it wasn't clear already, Belly is my favorite band of the last six months and probably a cinch for a year-end list. I totally love them, and seeing them two days in a row reminded me why I love going to shows, despite all the hassles. The band played three shows in 16 hours. How rock 'n' roll. Call me a Bellyhead, but I think this band is the greatest.

I got to their first Slim's show an hour early so that I could be in the front row. And when bass player Gail Greenwood tossed candy into the crowd, I was there to grab a piece. The focal points here were definitely the women. Tanya and Gail shared a wonderful dramatic tension, chasing each other across the stage. At one point, when Tanya knelt down to play guitar, Gail knelt down with her, at which point Tanya leapt up and backed away. Fascinating. Those of us at the first show were cheated out of hearing ''It's Not Unusual,'' but they played most of the songs from *Star*, including my favorites, ''White Belly'' and ''Low Red Moon.''

At the band's free show at the Embarcadero the next day, the sun and open air proved equally bracing to the music. There was a little moshing, but nothing too intense. ''There's nothing wrong with a little afternoon mosh pit,'' said Gail, adding, ''Don't get hurt.'' Perhaps she should have warned the three security guards stationed between the band and the audience. At a crucial moment during ''Low Red Moon,'' as is her wont, Gail spat up a mouthful of water, drenching the rent-a-cops. Then she laughed.

This is obviously a trend—this regurgitation by bass players—since Jennifer did the same thing at L7's show. Party on, Gail. Party on, Jennifer. ''I'd like to apologize to the security personnel for my bodily fluids,'' said Gail, with as much sincerity and humility as she could muster. What a charmer. What a rocker. ✿

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A Pleasure for Every Palate

Unlike many Chinese restaurants, the menu at **China Village** ranges from the delicate to the intense. I wondered how well a place can do when it prepares such a variety of styles: Cantonese, Hunan, Sichuan and Peking dishes each carry a unique complexity of ingredients and techniques. Fortunately, surprises come in the unlikeliest of surroundings. Although the menu proudly mentions the "exquisite atmosphere and a creatively decorated dining room," the only remarkable feature of the restaurant is its cleanliness. An attractive saltwater aquarium with brightly colored fish, ornate Chinese lanterns with red tassels, and the requisite Chinese drawings do add an elegant touch, but for the most part, the decor is ordinary but tidy. Lovely classical music plays at the perfect volume, creating an unexpected mix of cultures and sounds: The clicking of chopsticks and the squishing of chow mein noodles meet Brahms.

China Village owner/manager Mark Ma. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

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Apart from the boastful menu wording and occasionally spacey service, I liked China Village very much. The food, always my primary concern, was flavorful, traditional and fresh. I can't wait to return for another taste of the meatless chicken; I was amazed at its flavor and texture.

Thrilled with a wide variety of appetizers, we dove into the **Chef's Special Hot Plate** (for two, $7.95), which arrived carefully arranged on a wooden lazy Susan. This included a crisp, greaseless vegetarian egg roll; neat packages of "beggar's chicken," redolent of wood ear mushrooms and soy sauce; sticks of beef teriyaki grilled at the table over a tiny Sterno-filled hibachi; deep-fried chicken wings (positively enormous—I'd be scared to see the rest of the critter that donated these) with a crisp delicious crust and juicy flesh; deep-fried jumbo prawns, somewhat slimy and bland; and honking spareribs slathered with a rich vermilion sweet and sour sauce. I had a problem with the Sterno being so close to our food and our noses. Although the idea is clever, I'd rather have the cook finish the teriyaki himself than subject us to such a gassy stink. A deliciously simple **Green Onion Pancake** ($1.50), a sort of Chinese *quesadilla,* was cut into triangles and paired wonderfully with a chunky, salty peanut sauce.

Generously sized entrees include such lyrical items as **Orange Peel Beef, Fish With Two Delicate Mushrooms** and **Dragon and Phoenix.** A mellow **Cashew Chicken** ($5.50), with bits of water chestnut and celery, had a basic Cantonese appeal, with plenty of soy sauce and crunch. Always a favorite, the **Mu Shu Pork** ($5.75) came with plenty of julienne vegetables and seaweed—high in potassium as we learned from the host. We piled the pork and vegetable mixture on rice pancakes which had been painted with

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an aromatic plum sauce. This was just about the best Mu Shu I've had anywhere—thin, tender pancakes, zesty sauce, and delicate, fresh filling.

Another wonderful dish was the **Lemon Meatless Chicken** ($5.95), a terrific choice for a vegetarian craving something meaty, or for anyone wanting a delicious surprise. Chunks of the "chicken" (really a soy bean-vegetable product) are fried in a sublime batter, tossed in a smooth lemony sauce, and served over warm greens. Aside from its taste (just like chicken), the marvelous thing about this product is its texture—a bit stringy, with just enough of a bite, like chicken breast. Now, I'm a hardcore nonvegetarian and I was in ecstasy with this version. China Village prepares the meatless chicken in many ways—from hot 'n spicy Kung Pao to sweet and sour—and I encourage everyone to try all the variations.

A less-inspired preparation, the **Eggplant With Spicy Sauce** ($5.50) was greasy and overly spicy. An ordinary but well-executed **Vegetable Chow Mein** ($3.95) included plenty of baby bok choy, carrots and cabbage, and was a refreshingly simple plate of noodles, at a most reasonable price.

With enough variety to appeal to older as well as younger palates, I wasn't surprised to see lots of kids happily eating their plates of Chinese pasta (this is the Marina, after all). And a series of set family dinners, lunch specials and individual dinners listed in the front of the menu explained the crowd again. With such tidy surroundings, amicable service and palatable food, China Village deserves a visit. ✿

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Dinner at Eight

A.C.T. has pulled out all the stops with its production of *Dinner at Eight*, the Kaufman/Ferber stage hit of 1932 that became an even greater movie success with Jean Harlow, John Barrymore, Wallace Beery and Marie Dressler.

Designer Barbara Mesney creates a mood of period opulence with an art deco set of silver and black that revolves to frame a series of comedic subplots exposing the pettiness, selfishness and willful blindness of a privileged class desperate to put up a good front as the country slides into depression.

In three acts that might well have been trimmed to two (much of the labored business between the maid and her two suitors was embarrassingly inept), director Albert Takazauckas moves his cast of 25 (with a bit of odd double casting) at full comic tilt, accenting the play's subtext of imminent comeuppance.

The imperious grande dame Millicent Jordan (Frances Lee McCain) is planning a dinner party for Lord and Lady Ferncliffe, unaware that husband Oliver (Nicolas Hormann) is frantically trying to salvage his shipping empire and his health. The guest list itself is an invitation to disaster: Larry Renault (Peter Donat), a has-been movie star seeking a comeback on the stage, who is secretly bedding Millicent's socially engaged daughter (Nancy Carlin); an oafish but rich businessman (Lawrence Hecht), and his wife Kitty (Maureen McVerry), a former hat-check girl; a society doctor (Richard Butterfield) and *his* wife (the badly miscast Judith Moreland); and a past-her-prime Theda Bara type (Jan Miner). When the English royalty renege, Mrs. Jordan rings in her poor-relation sister Hattie (Joan Mankin) and her reluctant husband (Frank Ottiwell).

Why can't Millicent settle for six at table? a sensible Hattie wants to know. "*Six* is not a dinner party," she is advised. "*Eight* is a dinner party." And why *must* there be boy-girl, boy-girl? Hattie asks. "After all, they're coming to dinner, not to mate."

Hattie, the only truly nice person in this gallery of users, is beautifully underplayed by Mankin. Ed Hodson was also particularly effective as theatrical agent Max Kane, who puts his own career on the line by trying to get an audition for his longtime client, the alcoholic and self-destructive Renault. Donat is touching as the hammy, over-the-hill movie star.

But the evening's star turn goes to Maureen McVerry, a superbly accomplished comedienne who flounces about in her satin sheets like a playful kitten until she unsheathes her nails to become a tigress in diamond bracelets. (There's little doubt that the businessman and his tart are the inspiration for Garson Kanin's 1946 *Born Yesterday.*)

Sure *Dinner at Eight* is old-fashioned, but it's rollicking good social satire, and it could be a lot funnier if the director has just kept those insufferable, over-acting servants offstage where they belong.

A delightful score of pop songs was assembl-

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ed by Stephen LeGrand. Deborah Nadoolman's costumes were nostalgically stylish—except for Jan Miner's ensembles, which were layered with enough beaded fabric, feathers and monkey fur to beach a battleship.

Dinner at Eight continues at the Marines Memorial Theatre through May 15. Call 749-2ACT.

Why We Have A Body

Now and then a play comes along that is so beautifully written, effectively directed, and so perfectly acted that we hesitate to even hint at a criticism. One of those rarities is Claire Chafee's *Why We Have a Body*, currently in its world premiere at the Magic Theatre's Springfest of new plays. (Local playwright Chafee's *Even Among These Rocks* received a staged reading at last year's festival.)

A fragile play, not heavy on plot, it offers delightful dialogue that gives the audience credit for some intelligence and doesn't waste our time with unnecessary exposition. Directed by Jayne Wenger, the four women who meet and interact—even telepathically—in their individual quests for fulfillment are Alice Barden, Jeri Lynn Cohen, Nellie Cravens and Amy Resnick. They appear solo or in duet and they are a dream cast.

Chafee's witty but poignant comedy centers on Lili (Resnick), an assured, pragmatic private investigator who can recall her attraction to other girls from early childhood. Forced by convention to hide her natural affections, she had "no choice but to become a spy."

On a plane trip Lili is seated next to a handsome married woman, Renee (Cohen), a paleontologist. They are intellectually and physically attracted to each other—Renee reservedly so. But after a Mexican vacation with her husband, during which she envisions Lili's hipbone against her cheek, Renee is ready to trade marriage for all that Lili can offer. Their lovemaking is tentative and tender and far more romantic than the examples of heaving breasts and hungry mouths other plays on lesbian themes offer.

Lili's sister Mary (Barden) is the outlaw of the family... literally. She robs 7-Elevens, not from want but from deep compulsion. Bitterly depressed at her station in life, she is desperate to take charge, to be something, somebody. In truth, this Mary *is* somebody—one of the more unique and adorable characters on the contemporary stage.

In her first monologue, Mary crashes onstage in the process of robbing another 7-Eleven. Her every move is as precise and as choreographed as the opening credits of a major crime film. She's a pro at work. But the cashier is so terrified she can't comply with Mary's demands and the robber is forced to console the robbed. Another failure!

Lili, who takes Mary in after exacting a promise from her that she won't stay long, knows just the right words of comfort: "You've sailed through an armada of therapists... virtually unchanged."

Barden, one of the more accomplished comediennes on stage today, is a beauty with an impeccable sense of timing and vocal timbre. She gets the biggest laugh of the evening after Lili tells her she should have been Joan of Arc. "Yeah... well," she shrugs.

Eleanor, an explorer and mother of the two young women, appears intermittently, as though telepathically called, to deliver brief soliloquies on her own life and to comment on the daughters she has cast adrift. From her perch on the scaffold of a Mayan ruin, Eleanor offers her personal analysis of the difference between a heterosexual and a lesbian brain: "Compare the brain of a perfectly normal woman with that of a lesbian. The lesbian brain is divided into three sections as opposed to the subdivisions into two sections of the normal brain. There is memory, lust and hammering doubt."

Considering the possibility that she may have failed in her motherly duties and admitting that she was often "in a fog" during her daughters' formative years, Eleanor reflects that she once blamed herself for Lili's lesbianism. But Lili absolved her with a single retort: "Why should you take all the credit?" The reason that lesbians are obsessed with the past, Eleanor says, is that they have no future. Actor Cravens, lavishing her talent on the playwright's clever dialogue, gives Barton a run for her money.

When Eleanor does not respond to a telepathic "fax," Mary and Lili realize it's time to write off their mother. "I guess *we're* the next generation," Mary says.

One by one these women assume some responsibility for their actions... or lack thereof. But as for answers? Resolutions? Tidy endings? Maybe there are none.

Jeff Rowling's minimally furnished set with a centered bed fronting a scrim that hides Eleanor's Yucatan digs also features slide projections of puffy clouds outside airline windows, remote deserts, tropical beaches, and the infinity of a starry night. Bob Davis designed the sound, Jim Cave the lighting, and Mame Hunt was dramaturg. A fine creative ensemble.

Why We Have a Body is a must see. It continues at the Magic Theatre, Fort Mason, through May 2. Don't delay. Call 441-8822.

The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me

For all the hoopla surrounding the West Coast premiere of David Drake's *The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me*, I expected theatrical history in the making. A fine and wildly energetic performance, but not exactly The Second Coming.

David Drake is indeed a handsome, ingratiating performer and there's no question that 99 percent of the mostly male audience at his opening was immediately enamored of him, but the 90 minutes of seven breathlessly choreographed skits, ostensibly celebrating a young man's life against a gay social and political background that began with the 1969 Stonewall Riots (on the very day of his sixth birthday), for the most part amount to Drake celebrating himself. Chuck Brown directed, the minimal set design was by James Morgan, the original music was composed by Steven Sandberg, and the brilliant and complex lighting plot was designed by Tim Hunter.

Drake takes obvious delight in his body as he moves in a veritable cyclone of spins, leaps and bravado strutting that barely contains the events experienced and attitudes formulated during his first 29 years. Faded jeans, sleeveless T-shirt,

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Alice Barden in Claire Chafee's witty and poignant comedy "Why We Have a Body."
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white socks and scuffed running shoes are peeled away to reveal a jockstrapped Drake in the satiric sketch, "Why I Go to the Gym." It's a gem of exuberant narcissism as he switches voice and body language to play himself, a macho iron-pumper and a swish whose attention is focused on the mirrored bodies of the other men. While Drake refers to the gym experience as basic training against gay bashing, it's also a superb revelation about a young man who goes to the gym to tighten up his ass so he can get the lover that he doesn't have.

"12-inch Single" is a dark look at passions spent in a disco (the odor of amyl and armpits) set to the recited rhythms of "personals" ads that are acted out in backroom sex scenes. It's a revolving exploration of loneliness, hope, lust, rage and quick gratification.

Earlier, Drake recalls his Baltimore boyhood and obsession with Broadway musicals (a strong identification with Paul in *A Chorus Line*), a youthful infatuation with the "macho" image of the Village People, and a somewhat precious and emotionally manipulative memory of butterflies frozen in flight in the molten glass of paperweights.

One segment, "A Thousand Points of Light," is a moving tribute to those who have died of AIDS, unfortunately it's not the first time a performance artist on the local scene has recited a litany of names, famous and unknown, against a flicker of candlelight as he asks, "Where have you gone?"

"... And the Way We Were" is a look into the 21st century, in which Drake envisions gay freedom throughout a country that has either imprisoned the radical rightists or forced them to flee to South America. He sees Tom Cruise and Jason Gould (Barbra's son) in a remake of *The Way We Were*, and a new "queer culture wing" at the Smithsonian.

Drake's title comes from a brief meeting with and a quick buss on the cheek from Larry Kramer at an ACT UP meeting. Lyrical, romantic, unabashedly poetic, the playwright's writing sometimes tends to weaken his intended in-your-face explorations of gay male rituals.

"The truth will set you free," he promises. "But first it will piss you off."

The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me continues at Life on the Water, Fort Mason, through May 9. Call 776-5496, TIX, or any BASS/Ticketmaster outlet.

"The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me": An in-your-face exploration of gay male rituals.

Somewhere Fudging

Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly

"Diary of an Angry Asian" could be the subtitle to Justin Chin's *Somewhere Fudging*, recently seen at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint. In less than an hour and a half, solo performer Jesselito Cocjin Bie teaches audiences via a series of humorous and sometimes shocking scenes what *not* to say to a gay man who happens to be Asian. If you missed this one, take heart, because Chin is working on a new piece titled *Advice for Tragic Queens at Home & Abroad*.

Chin's script offers various highly descriptive observations of gay male Asian-American life (with a program note denying the play is autobiographical). Filled with references to "rice bars," Top Ramen noodles, *Passport* magazine, Connie Chung and George Takei (of original "Star Trek" fame) as well as acknowledgment of bigoted cliches ("we're much better at math"), *Fudging* rants, raves and recoils from racial stereotypes.

Charming and disarming, Jesselito Cocjin Bie modulates the anger in Chin's script with a smooth coyness. Bie is "simultaneously sexy and funny" as the program's Director's Note states, a dream performer complete with sly smiles, graceful movements, impeccable comic timing and likable stage presence. Bie will be dancing with Hermsdorf/Wells Dance Company at Footwork May 6-8 and 13-15.

Amid the collection of comic observations, one particularly fun monologue details a Queer Nation meeting and ensuing kiss-in demonstration roving through various SF minority neighborhoods. Chin makes lighthearted pokes at "processing" and white liberals.

But the best part of the play is the final narrative of the evening, involving an erratic, albeit somewhat erotic, foray into the Marin headlands for a "men's awareness weekend." Thematically unrelated to the previous angry anecdotes, it's probably the most fun, as Chin allows himself the time to dig into some lengthier storytelling with a variety of bizarre characters. Self-awareness weekends tend to either soar or nosedive when someone spikes the stew with acid.

In his third directing stint at Josie's, Henry Mach (author of the critically and popularly acclaimed *Dirty Dreams of a Clean-Cut Kid*) skillfully handles *Fudging* with a well-developed sense of timing and theatricality. A minimum of props keeps the pace swift, and well-placed lighting changes provide rapid leaps through time and space.

The most disappointing element of the evening was the surprisingly low attendance. It's unfortunate when such an entertaining and enjoyably conscious-raising show receives anything less than a succession of packed houses. ✿

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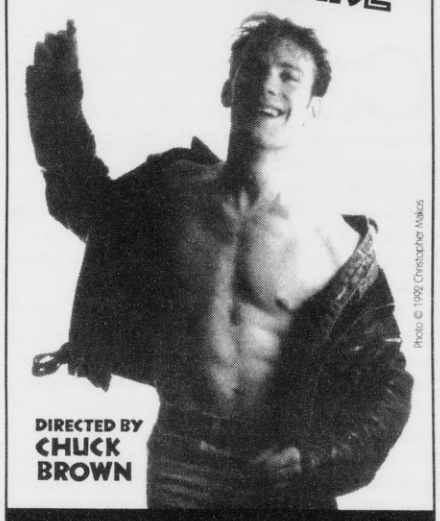

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Gay Old New Orleans

By Tom W. Kelly

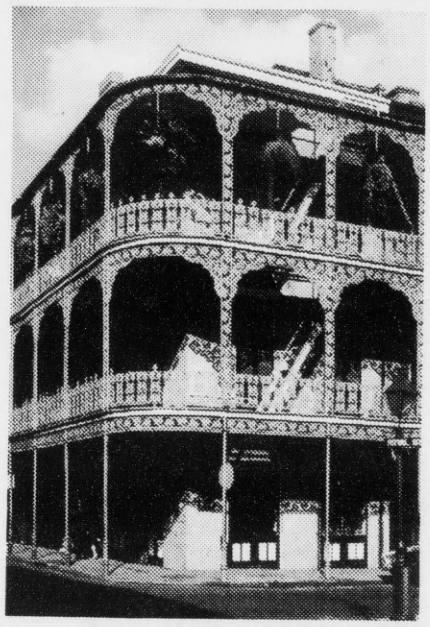
Contrary to popular belief, New Orleans is *not* just for drunken revelry once a year during Mardi Gras. In actuality, New Orleans, more specifically the French Quarter, is ideal for drunken revelry all year round. Now "drunken" doesn't necessarily refer to alcoholic beverages; it's more a state of mind which the gentle locals have in abundance. But if you do appreciate a liquid breakfast, lunch and/or dinner, 'dis is the place, darlin'!

When these folks let their hair down, you'd think Rapunzel had a crew cut! Fun-seeking tourists (straight and gay) leisurely mix with fun-seeking locals on Bourbon Street and immediate environs. Every night eight blocks are sealed off from vehicular traffic, enabling party folk to stumble in and out of pubs and potholes, carrying gigantic frozen daiquiris (adult slurpies). Yes, you can order drinks "to go" at any bar. In fact, several daiquiri specialty bars have popped up, offering ultra-sweet concoctions which range from Hurricanes (also famous weather in New Orleans) and Virgin Strawberries (no alcohol in the virgin drinks) to Long Island Iced Teas and Screaming Orgasms. And while on Bourbon Street, passersby can't help but hear the brassy strains of red-hot jazz flowing out of the various clubs' open windows.

The residents highly respect their local police force, claiming that official intervention only occurs when people get violent. Pretty much everything else goes! As for the criminal element, everyone accepts the fact that when you travel at night to an area you're unsure of, you drive or take a cab. It can be a bit dangerous.

Preceding my trip, friends assured me that I didn't need a guide book to lead me to the gay establishments—they would jump out at me. Well, many bars and restaurants do have barkers who yell at you to come inside, but they're the straight places. For several hours of my first night, I wandered up and down Bourbon Street and attached side streets looking in vain for fellow brothers and sisters who dare not speak their names (you know, gays and lesbians).

Though gay bars abound, they tend to be low profile. No boa-bedecked barkers, no big flashy lavender neon signs, and no prime locations. The two gay drinking spots located on Bourbon Street are just beyond the busy pedestrian section. *But*, once you find one, you'll have access to them all! Gay bartenders make great tour guides (rivaling the chatty cab drivers) and specialize in advising their "new friends" where to have a good time.



The Lace Balconies of 700 Royal Street: Part of the outstanding architecture for which the city is famous. Photo by Grant L. Robertson

Simply tell them what you're into—be it dancing, leather or whatever—and they'll help.

If you're into dancing the night away, one of the French Quarter's most accessible gay bars is also a disco. The **Bourbon Pub/Parade** at 801 Bourbon St., is just beyond the pedestrian portion. They advertise "women welcome" and pack in the gyrating and bopping bodies. M-Sat 9 pm-?, Sun 5 pm-?.

The highlight of the bar scene for me was **The Phoenix** at 941 Elysian Fields, home of Knights d'Orleans and The Lords of Leather. Located in a not-so-nice neighborhood, everyone without a car takes United Cab, which is widely recognized as the most friendly and accessible to the gay community. The potential fun never stops in this 24-hour bar. Just upstairs (accessible through The Phoenix) is **The Men's Room** for leather/levis, open M-F 9 pm-5 am, S&S 1 pm-5 am.

For your convenience a wonderful local weekly periodical called ***Guide New Orleans: Entertainment and Resources for the Gay & Lesbian Community"*** is available at almost all gay establishments. It's packed full of information re: gay businesses (cleaning, finances, hair, etc.), bars, cafes, restaurants, a handy little map, upcoming events, theater guide, advice column, and a hatefully funny horror-scope. With one of these in hand, you're set.

Clutching my copy of the *Guide*, I wandered into the **Clover Grill** at 900 Bourbon St. (open 24 hours like almost everything else). Immediately the manager, Scott, besieged me. As clever as the Grill's funny menu, he asked where I was from, where I was going and was I having a good time (among other things). A definite "neighborhood" eatery, patrons at other tables joined in, making for a hearty welcome and fun meal. The food is okay; the place borders on being a greasy spoon. The menu promises that "Clovers' Very Famous Omelettes... (are) skillfully prepared by multi-crafted chefs right in front of your pretty green eyes." How did they know I have pretty green eyes??? And the omelettes were truly tasty. Keeping with the good humor prevalent to New Orleans, such delightful quotes fill the menu: "We don't eat in your beds, so please don't sleep at our tables," "I bet we can tell where you got your shoes" and "If you were a good customer, you'd order more." The prices are as light as the humor, nothing costing more than $5.99. Check these crazies out.

I was fortunate enough to attend a fundraiser sponsored by **Knights d'Orleans** (a local leather club) with proceeds going to the NO/AIDS Task Force. For only $5 I was admitted to a beautiful old southern mansion called the Country Club, offered the use of the huge pool and hot tub in the back yard and all the beer I could guzzle. Take it from me, these folks know how to party! The relaxed atmosphere induced rampant fraternization. Various locals chatted freely with me, a stranger in their midst. And within hours and with childlike abandon, events escalated.

While on the subject, for those interested, bathhouses are still alive and well in New Orleans. I never got a chance to visit one (no, truly!), so I can't provide too much information. Some backrooms at the bars can also be found. I did accidentally stumble upon one of these. I suppose the folks down there believe that it's not who you do, how many, or where, it's *what* you do. And from where I was "standing," it looked like good old safe sex to me.

Though gay accommodations abound, I wound up spending my nights at the "straight" **Historic French Market Hotel** at 501 Rue Decatur. There were several other gays enjoying the hotel's charming rooms with old-fashioned fans hanging from cypress-beamed ceilings as well as complimentary continental breakfasts and happy hour. Yes, too much alcohol is not enough, uh, what with the humidity and all. From 5:30 to 7:00 pm it's "bottoms up" (cocktail glasses, please) in the begardened outdoor courtyard.

Disneyland did a great job with its New Orleans Square. But for adults seeking a truly charming vacation, nothing beats the real thing.

For those other non-gay sights, check out Fodor's Guide. This article is slanted. Bent even. But a few suggestions are:

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Thrill seekers can skip **The Mighty Mississippi River** boat tours. By the end of this relatively short trip, most passengers were snoozing in the dining area. (Of course, drinks may be purchased on board.) And that off-key calliope could inspire justifiable feats of homicide!

Creole/Cajun cooking abounds at a variety of prices throughout the French Quarter. Right on Bourbon Street is the **Creole Kitchen**. Even though the sight of the handsome bearded hunk (barker) induced me to enter, the food was excellent. Seems you can order spicy food to your heart and stomach's content in the touristy restaurants without worrying about heartburn. They considerately tone it down for the out-of-towners.

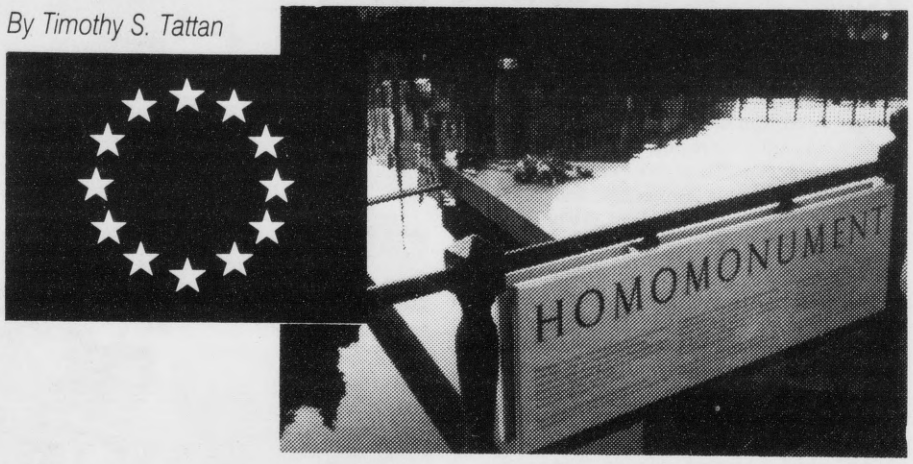
Forget about purchasing those tacky T-shirts and penis-shaped ties that abound on Bourbon Street. Instead buy something beautiful at a little shop called **The Aquarium** at 513 Rue Decatur. Being low profile it might be easy to pass, but it's definitely not to be missed. Original works of art billed as "fine jewelry and gifts" abound at very reasonable prices (though a call from Ed McMahon is always welcome!).

Suggested reading before and/or during your trip would be ***Confederacy of Dunces*** by John Kennedy Toole. This witty farce jumps all over New Orleans and follows the antics of a crazy bunch of kooky characters. Its Pulitzer Prize was well earned.

Disneyland did a great job with their New Orleans Square. But for adults seeking a truly charming vacation, nothing beats the real thing. The intricate wrought-iron balustrades on gorgeous colonial structures evoke a more romantic, more leisurely era. An ambience of enchantment and relaxation are reflected in those comfortable Louisiana drawls. And barring the whimsy of wandering hurricanes, New Orleans is just about the perfect vacation spot. Combining the cozy feel of a small town with sophistication and wit, the locals offer a charming welcome to gay and lesbian tourists.

Looking for a "New Europe" In the Netherlands

By Timothy S. Tattan



The Amsterdam homomonument (above): A tribute to gays and lesbians worldwide. Above left: The new flag of the EC—twelve gold stars on a blue banner. Photo by Tim Tattan

So you want to get away? If you want time to simply relax and "do nothing" in the sun, a tropical beach resort should fit the bill nicely. On the other hand, to return with more than a suntan and a story about whatwashisname, here's a few ways you can use travel to broaden yourself, apart from your waistline.

This year is an especially interesting time to savor the arts and history of past generations in Western Europe, while catching a scent of a new Europe—one which is redefining its political, economic and cultural identity while trying to formulate a united European Community. While a common currency is still in the works, in most cases the borders between the 12 member nations of the EC are essentially open now. Whatever your nationality, you can usually travel between EC member countries without a customs interrogation.

In Europe, because there's so much to choose from in a relatively close area, you have to be careful your enthusiasm for multicultural experiences doesn't make you spend as much time packing and changing hotels as you would otherwise spend exploring and enjoying your surroundings. As a rule of thumb, allow at least two days to acquaint yourself with smaller towns and three days to savor the highlights of larger cities. And don't overlook making advance arrangements with a savvy travel agent to save your spontanei-

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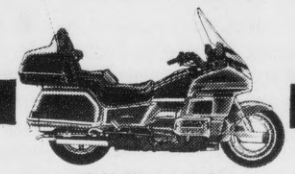
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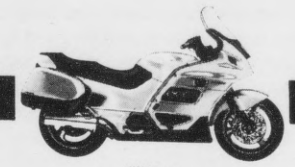
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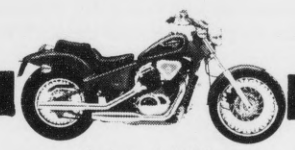
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STARTING IN THE NETHERLANDS

A convenient way to explore Western Europe is to operate out of The Netherlands as your "home base" on the continent. It has more nearby countries and cultures to sample than you'll have time for in one trip. A great springboard not widely recognized by other American tourists is the southernmost Dutch city of **Maastricht**—itself a comfortable collection of narrow cobblestone streets, ancient European culture, and the birthplace of the new European Community, topped off with a Burgundian accent on good food and wine. It has a somewhat more relaxed and stylish approach to life than the industrialized north. And it's only about an hour's drive to Cologne, Brussels, or the Dutchy of Luxumbourg.

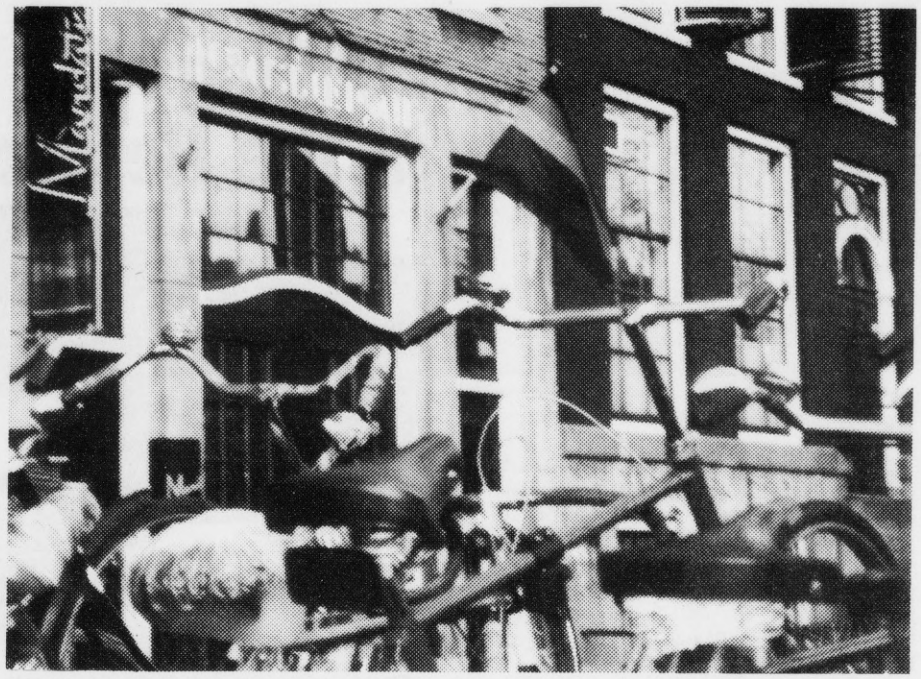
AMSTERDAM: THE ULTIMATE IN GAY-FRIENDLY AND "TOLERANT"

Amsterdam has well earned its reputation as *the* destination for gay and lesbian travelers. In many ways, it's the European parallel to San Francisco. Amsterdam draws visitors and integrates residents from around the world, particularly people with artistic, entrepreneurial, and/or "bohemian" sensibilities. For most Dutch citizens, whether or not you are gay is simply not an issue. In fact, Amsterdam's domestic partners policy will let you remain as a resident alien if you register a relationship with a Dutch national.

Amsterdam's reputation as a "libertine paradise" is certainly one factor adding to its international allure. They really do use red lights in the city's red light district, where busty young women in creative attire pose in store-front size windows to attract their next customer. No, prostitution is not legal in Amsterdam; rather, it is "tolerated." Prostitutes are checked weekly for STDs and contribute to the tax rolls. Likewise, there are a number of "houses with boys," young male "companions" marketed principally in gay guidebooks. One of them, **The Holland Boys International**, operates out of a suburban residence and publishes one of the better maps of gay attractions to the city.

Another aspect of Dutch tolerance notable to American visitors are the dozens of **"coffeeshops"** which the authorities allow to operate in Amsterdam and other Dutch cities. They sell coffee, tea, sodas, milkshakes, hashish and marijuana, often with complementary waterpipes for customers to use in the shop. A typical menu will list several types of hash and perhaps a dozen varieties of pot for sale by the gram. Much of it is grown locally, with names like "Northern Lights," "Super Skunk," "Zero Zero," and other imported hybrids, at prices well below the going rate in the U.S. Some merchants also offer "spacecake," slices of pound cake baked with bits of grass, and loaded bonbons.

Again, soft drugs are not legal in The Netherlands; the authorities "tolerate" them so they can keep an eye on things. The owner of the city's only gay coffeeshop, **The Other Side**, says merchants want soft drugs legalized as much for quality control as for reassuring them that their arrangement with the authorities will continue. And while the shops advertise and even publish a Dutch language ***Coffee Journal***, a certain level of discretion is maintained so as not to jeopardize their status, since the US and other governments have been pressuring the Dutch to "just say no" to its policy of open marketing.



The locals prefer to travel everywhere by bicycle—including the gay gym Mandate. Photo by Tim Tattan

EUROPEAN ARTS AND CULTURE

The Netherlands is said to support more museums per capita than any other country in the world. Holland's 17th century "Golden Age," the era when Amsterdam was the wealthiest city in the Western world, has been designated as the theme for events starting this June through next March, and includes extra Rembrandt exhibits at the **Rijksmuseum**, the most important of the royal museums. Close by are the **Van Gogh Museum** and an influential modern art collection at the **Stedelijk Museum**.

Amsterdam alone can keep you busy with dozens of other exhibits, such as the **Anne Frank House**, **The Rembrandt House**, a **Tropical Museum**, an **Aviodome** at the airport, a special-effects romp from the 17th century to a moonwalk at the **Madame Tussaud Scenerama** wax museum, and museums dedicated to such interests as anatomy, technology, coffee and tea, sex, diamonds, and even a **Hash and Marihuana Museum**, which is due to reopen later this year, next door to the **Sensi Seed Bank** (sorry, no mail orders).

One pleasant way to do the museum route is **The Museum Boat**, which includes a canal tour and admission to any three museums you choose at any of several stops along the "achten tachtig prachtige grachten" (Amsterdam's "88 mighty canals"). The central district of Amsterdam is ringed by four major canals which form a "U" around the core of the city, and dozens of offshoot waterways, including the Amstel River. Although there are no freeways or modern skyscrapers to crowd the Centrum district, the canals provide an elegant way of softening the grid of narrow streets busy with well-mannered bicyclists, and provide enough space to enjoy the best views of the city's elegant and functional 17th century architecture.

But don't limit yourself to the museum circuit to enjoy European arts and antiquities. At least a hundred of the world's best antique shops, many with museum-quality antiquities, are based in the Spiegelkwartier district, centered along the picturesque **Nieuwe Spiegelstraat**, which, appropriately, leads directly to the Rijksmuseum. Most dealers specialize in traditional works in silver, copper, pewter, glassware, porcelain, with some magnificent furniture, jewelry, collectibles, and paintings, and a few modern art collections and antiquarian book dealers included for variety.

The best place to rub elbows with 40,000 of the world's foremost art collectors, museum buyers, and aficionados, however, is the annual **European Fine Arts Festival**. Held for nine days each March in Maastricht, this year's exhibit featured nearly priceless pre-museum collections from 160 exhibitors dealing in painting, sculpture, textiles,

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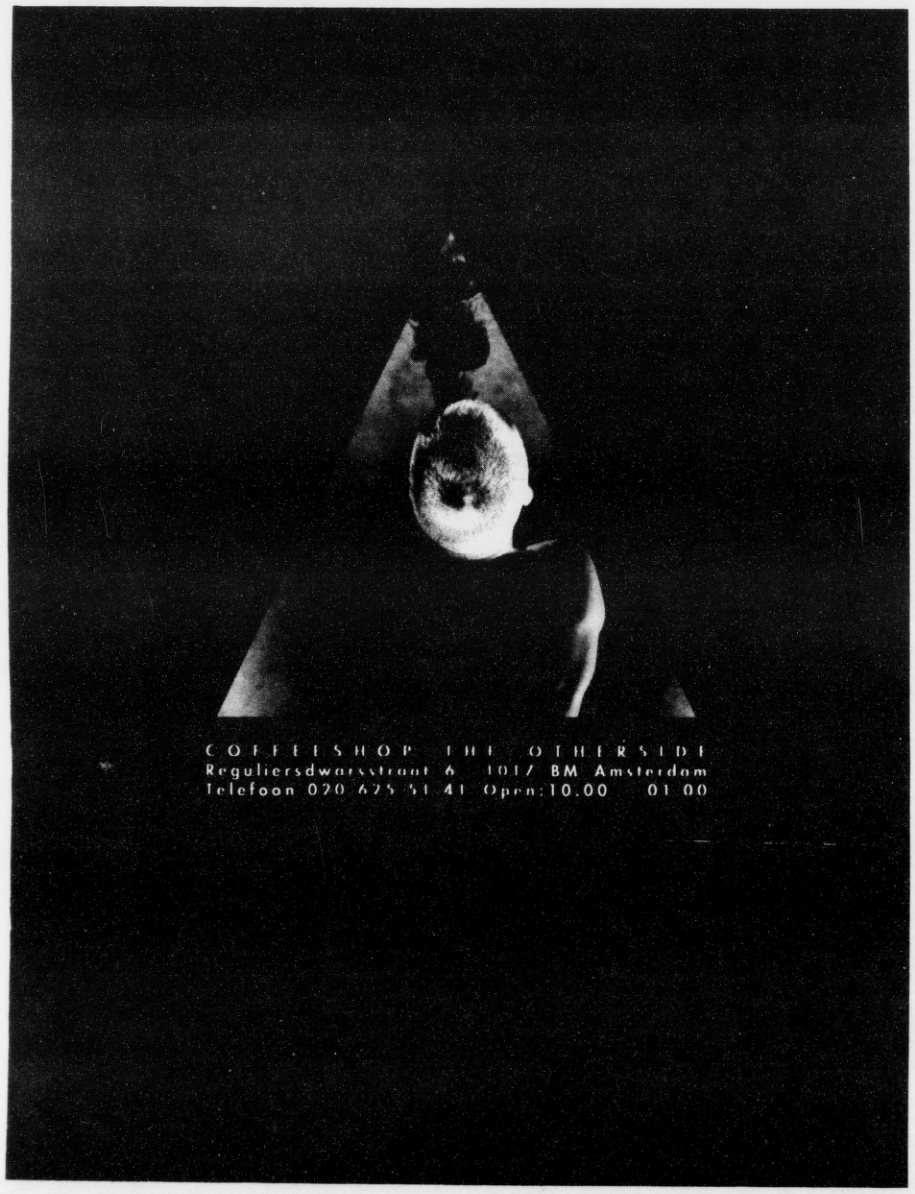


Olivia Announces New Itinerary

Olivia Travel, specializing in vacations for lesbians, has just announced its 1994 itinerary. Seven-night cruises are planned to the Western Caribbean (Feb. 13-20, 1994), with ports of call including Playa del Carmen, Cozumel, the Yucatan Peninsula and Key West; as well as a cruise from New York to Montreal (July 3-10, 1994), via Provincetown, Portland, Maine, Nova Scotia and Quebec City. This summer cruise was scheduled particularly for the many women who work in the education field. Olivia's second annual resort vacation to Playa Blanca, Mexico, has been scheduled for April 30 to May 6.

"During the past three years, more than 6,000 women have traveled with us to Mexico, Alaska, Greece and the Bahamas," says Olivia President Judy Dlugacz. "Ninety-nine percent say they will travel with Olivia again, and our 1994 destinations reflect their suggestions."

A very special extravaganza, celebrating Olivia Records' 20th anniversary and lesbian/gay pride, is scheduled in San Francisco for June 23-27, 1993. This five-day event includes sightseeing tours, networking receptions, excursions to the wine country, a fabulous Friday night concert starring Cris Williamson, Tret Fure, Dianne Davidson, Deidre McCalla, Lucie Blue Tremblay and Teresa Trull, with many wonderful surprises. "Puttin' on the Ritz," a romantic dance co-hosted by Bay Area Career Women and featuring Linda Tillery and Her Skin Tight Band will be held Saturday night. On Sunday, hundreds of women will march in the pride parade alongside the Olivia float.

In 1993, Olivia is taking more than 600 women to a secluded beach resort in Mexico. A small group will visit Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands in August, and almost 830 will cruise the Bahamas, visiting St. Thomas, San Salvador and San Juan, Puerto Rico, for Thanksgiving (Nov. 20-27).

For more information or a free brochure about these vacations, call Olivia at 1-800-631-6277. ✿

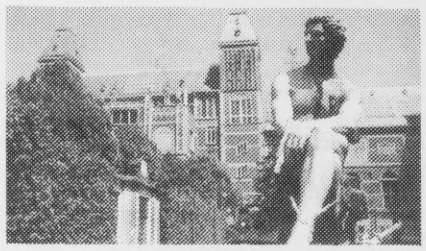
Greek and Roman antiquities, books and prints, 20th century art, and shameless jewelry collections from Winston, Buccellati, Cartier and Garrard dubbed "La Haute Joaillerie du Monde." (For information on next year's Fair, contact Sue Bond Public Relations in London.)

In case your U.S. dollars don't translate into quite enough guilders to trade in the fine art market, while in Maastricht look for the open-air flea market held every Saturday on the East side of the river for a few decent souvenirs that will keep you within your $400 duty-free limit. The Jordaan district of Amsterdam is also a good place to locate plenty of funky small shops. And save some time and guilders before leaving Schipol Airport. It has one of the largest collections of duty-free shops in the world with some genuine bargains. Plus, it's more fun than waiting in line for half an hour to exchange your brightly colored guilders into greenbacks.

GETTING THERE

KLM just inaugurated direct service to Amsterdam Schipol Airport from SFO last month, and also flies nonstop from LAX. One of the nice touches to keep you occupied during the ten-hour flight is a colorful map on the cabin monitor constantly showing your flight location and other data between feature videos. Their companion fare promotion runs through May 31 and lets a second party fly on your itinerary from $49 over your fare in any class.

Martinair Holland flies non-stop from Oakland to Amsterdam with one stop on the return flight and has roundtrip fares for $398 through June 6.



Do's and Don'ts In The Netherlands

• Once you calculate price equivalent in guilders to U.S. dollars, many items may seem a bit expensive. But prices include taxes and gratuities. You don't need to leave a tip, except as an extra gesture for exceptional service. As a visitor, you can get a refund on the value-added tax (VAT) you pay, but only on purchases of at least 300 guilders made at any one shop.

• No matter how photogenic she may be, don't take pictures of the "working girls" in the red light district, unless you were planning to buy a new camera anyway.

• Since there are almost as many bicycles as residents in Amsterdam, you may be tempted to rent a bike to get around the city. Don't. Residents know how to maneuver themselves around Amsterdam's narrow streets in tight traffic and don't appreciate "sightseers" clogging the routes.

• Do consult the VVV tourism office for maps, advice, etc., and don't be too shy to ask about anything. They also have great walking tour brochures of the Jordaan district, the Centrum area, and the old Jewish quarter.

• Don't take a taxi ride alone, unless you have a lot of money to get rid of and have no fear of death. The fare increases 20 cents a second, and if that doesn't shock you, tailgating at 60 miles an hour will.

• Do eat at one of many Indonesian Rice Table restaurants. Tons of dishes with chili sauce, peanut sauce, and other Southeast Asian flavors we Californians enjoy are also one of the most popular and economic ways the Dutch share a meal. Some of the most popular are Radon Mas, and Kantjil and the Tiger, though you may hit upon a great neighborhood place just around the corner.

• Do stop in a "Brown Cafe" for a "pils" or two before dinner and engage the locals in a discussion about art, politics, life, etc. Brown cafes are where the locals go after work for a drink and conversation, and are recognized by the cozy dark wood furnishings stained with decades of tobacco smoke. Cafe Hoppe is a very popular example.

• Don't be confused if the gay club you found from your guidebook has a "mixed" clientele. Enough "straight" people are comfortable enough around gays in Holland to know their clubs have some of the best dance music in town.

• Do look for a new free English language gay newspaper called *Trash in the Streets*, which is rumored to be the first of several such ventures and is scheduled to commence publishing this month.

• Don't forget to bring back some treats for friends back home. The Dutch make great licorice and peppermint drops, and the phallic shaped chocolates with the "XXX" down the side are actually replicas of the posts which line the streets of Amsterdam with the traditional "triple cross" symbol of the city. Really.

• Do get a copy of the *Best Gay Guide to Amsterdam*. It is published in English by Dutch writers, and is by far the most comprehensive guide of its type. It will even help you find the clothing-optional beaches on the North Sea. *Spartacus* has a lot of listings, but many may not be current. Some of the local community information services are useless. The *Odysseus* guide's listings appear limited to advertisers, but are generally more up-to-date.

• And do try brunch at the art nouveau American Hotel and see if anyone announces that "there is no telephone call for Mr Harry Mulisch today." Other romantic hotels with classy restaurants include the Grand Hotel, The Amstel, Barbizon Palace, and the Hotel L'Europe. Pricey restaurants with great ambiance include 't Swarte Schaep and Silver Spiegel, Amsterdam's oldest restaurant and a favorite of the late Queen Emma.

• Do take time to leave a flower at the Homomonument, in front of the Westkirk (West Church) on the Keizergracht canal.

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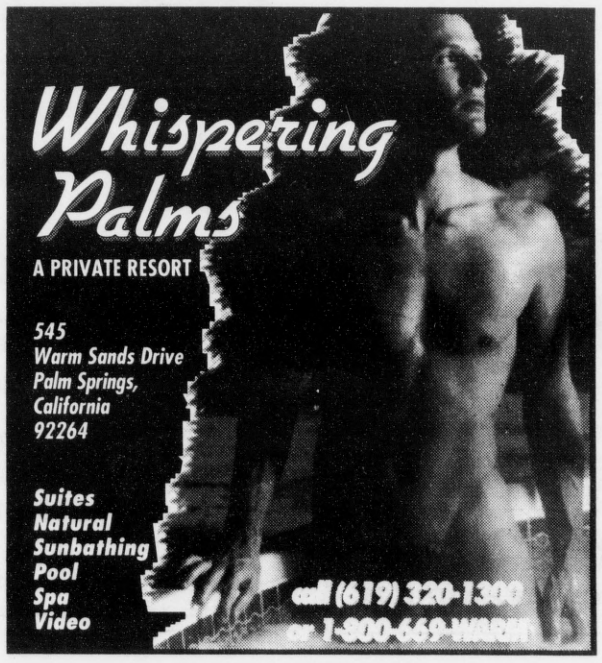

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All Out Comedy:

Gay Comics Tackle Comedy—Reel in the Laughs

Reviewed by Merry Winslow

Proclaimed the first-ever gay and lesbian stand-up comedy special to be produced for video, "All Out Comedy" is all-out funny. In it, four talented performers strut their stuff in front of a live audience at Josie's Cabaret and Juice Joint in San Francisco; the crowd, as well as this reviewer, was delighted.

Tom Ammiano, Marilyn Pittman, Scott Capurro and Karen Ripley co-star in this 78-minute video that deserves a place in my home library. It's the kind of thing I'd want to pull out and play for friends after, say, dinner... and not mind sharing repeatedly with different guests, because the pace is good, the jokes are fresh, and the performers are cute.

Directed by Bohdan Zachary, who won an Emmy for his work on "Live at Five" broadcast news, the video includes interview footage of each comedian, in which they discuss their orientation to comedy, gayness and the entertainment world. It's nice to get a glimpse of the real people behind the acts, and they are just as funny when they're being interviewed as they are onstage.

In discussing his performances in front of mostly straight audiences, Scott Capurro says, "People want to be told the truth," and anyway, "I'm only funny when I'm queer." He really is funny. The picture he paints of closeted performers who make it into mainstream venues such as "The Tonight Show" is poignant and oh so true. His interaction with members of the audience shows how quick-witted he really is, and he does a hysterical spoof on roommates that is also erotic. (Okay, maybe the reviewer *was* a bit horny!) But who cannot relate to the experience of one's roommate falling in love and bringing the new partner home to live, and suddenly finding yourself the third wheel, lonely and witnessing the merging behavior of the new lovers? Scott makes good fun of all of us, and hams it up. He's a delight.

Marilyn Pittman appears in "All Out Comedy" wearing "lesbian haircut #4—there are ten of them." She wonders what people mean when they say, "The computer went down on me." And muses, "Was it a Wang?" She mentions the new 12-step group for compulsive talkers, "On and On and On Anon," and she takes us for a romp through the *SF Bay Times'* personals, which includes a butt-fucking routine addressing the latest trend in lesbian sex ads. Turning to more serious matters, her assessment of the status of gay and lesbian comics in the world of entertainment is like that of Blacks a number of years ago—not accepted into the mainstream, but en route to acceptance. "Blacks used to perform only for Blacks;" now they are hosting top shows, and are the biggest stars. She says performing for gay and lesbian audiences "is where we get our support so we can take these risks."

Tom Ammiano is the first openly gay president of the San Francisco School Board. About sharing his sexual orientation with his audiences, he says, "It's more than a label, it's an identity. With these wrists, who am I gonna fool anyway?" He has been charming and amusing audiences in the Bay Area for years, and his humor just keeps on growing. "San Francisco is so gay," he says, "we even have our own gay patron saint: St. Francis the Sissy. For his miracle, he changed breakfast into brunch." Ammiano defines homophobia as "the irrational fear that three fags will break into your house and redecorate it against your will." Since he's so famous, he's been doing a lot of traveling, and he shares some adventures. The most exciting was visiting the Grand Canyon, where road signs read, "Rim Worship Site Ahead."

"I wanted to tell some gay and lesbian jokes," Karen Ripley says, "because I don't ever want to be rich and famous." That's her approach to dealing with the problem of acceptance by the mainstream. "It's okay if you don't like my jokes," she says modestly, "I'm just a channel. God isn't always funny."

Karen plays around with the issue of being fortyish and menopausal. She echoes the experiences many people have—and makes light of some common symptoms, like senile vagina. About safe sex: "Originally I thought that safe sex was sleeping with someone you didn't like." She demonstrates the latest in safe sex accoutrements... an educational experience, to say the least.

The interplay of politics, romance, history and sex in this entertaining video is as refreshing as a night at the club, if you happen to be lucky enough to catch a bill presenting four such hot talents as these. The video can be bought at Josie's and at A Different Light Bookstore, or by mail order from Out and Out Productions, PO Box 460910, SF 94146; the price is $24.95. ✿

Comics Tom Ammiano, Karen Ripley, Scott Capurro & Marilyn Pittman in "One Night Stand-ups" at Josie's.

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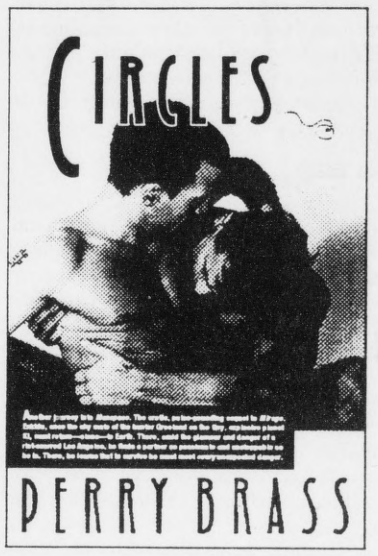
Circles

By Perry Brass
Belhue Press, 1993, $11.95



Reviewed by Tom W. Kelly

On a nightmare/dream planet named Ki, war destroys the harmonious balance of its inhabitants. *Circles* is Perry Brass' sequel to his earlier science-fiction tale titled *Mirage*. Pervasively sexual and always political, themes arise involving the importance of unity, the necessity of inner strength, and the ever-present peril of power. At its best, it's a shot of adrenaline to the creative centers of the brain.

Just a universe or dimension away, Greeland, ambitious hunter and leader of the Same-Sexers (homosexual men), declares war on the Off-Sexers (heterosexual men and women), not just to gain equality, but to seize total control of Ki. The gentle Enkidu, Greeland's mate and promised one, recoils at the rampant bloodshed and with the help of a blue monkey/wizard named Woosh flees to Earth to seek a champion who will destroy Greeland and restore planetary balance. Enkidu melds with/becomes Nick Lawrence, an oft times off-kilter Beverly Hills closet case who married into money. The search is aided by the efforts of a Russian immigrant named Reuvuer. They decide that the sane choice of savior/victim to take back to Ki is the moronic Republican vice-president, Rich Quilter. This logic jump eluded me somehow, but... guess who Rich Quilter is? One clue: "He can't even spell 'tomato' right." Brass has a field day at Quayle's—I mean Quilter's— expense:

> "He's pathetic," I said. "That frantic look on his face, like he's scared to death people are going to figure out what an impostor he is. And that wife, who looks like she's been drinking vinegar douche all her life. He seems so unprepared for his job. He's like some kid in a high school play who can't get the lines right."

The portion of *Circles* that takes place on Earth is comparatively mundane, dealing with an overly long subplot of poor little rich folks. Everyday Earthly concerns minimize the epic violence and desecration of Ki. And almost all that transpires on this rite of passage on Earth comes to naught, except that hero Nick Lawrence/Enkidu learns several valuable lessons to gain success upon return to Ki (which still depends greatly on luck!).

The most fascinating passages deal with the social structure of Ki. In the spirit of the Agreement, couples of homosexual men are bonded to each other for the whole of their lives. They petition the Sisters of Ki, renegade women who control the planet through the powerful temple of the

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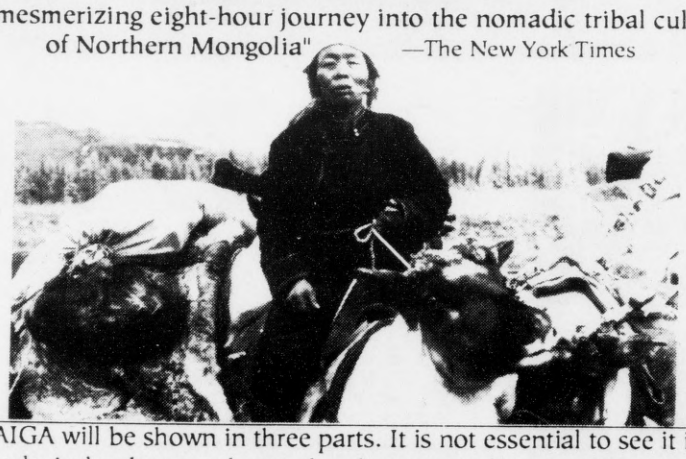

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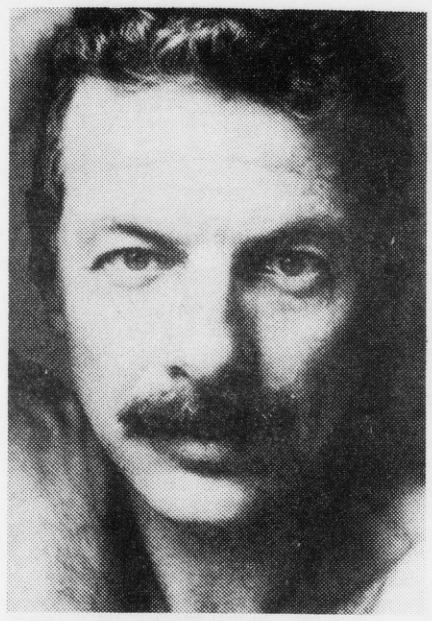

"Circles" author Perry Brass.

goddess Ki, to have a child who is always male and born through an Off-Sexer woman. The aggressive Off-Sexers rule the planet. They are coarse and violent, specializing in warfare and weaponry. But through sexual rituals, the Same-Sexers learn to amplify their strength, and gain the advantage. Brass' past works of poetry and erotica make possible instant yet vivid descriptions of location and mood and sex:

> He got up. His cock was hard. We started making love in the mud formed from the dust of the mesa. We couldn't stop it. Nothing frightened us, and I felt as warm as I'd ever been. He shoved his dick up my ass, and lightning swirled around us, followed by a howling wind and a curtain of rain. He held onto my chest with his fingers until his nails started to cut into my ribs.

Actually on Ki sex makes everything possible. Same-Sexers possess a third testicle (aka Egg) that gives them greater endurance and strength as well as longer lives. Through the orgiastic multiple swallowings of sperm (a ritual known as Axal), Same-Sexers can become superbeings. Autofellatio (the ritual of Ozol) enables Enkidu to travel from Ki to Earth. And consuming third-testicle-sperm imparts various virtues onto both Same-Sexers and Off-Sexers lucky enough to get it. I'll drink to that!

Brass's presentation of homosexual men in extraordinary circumstances creates a fantastic universe defined by individuals' inner resources, personal sense of power, dignity and nobility (or lack thereof). Good and evil are muddied by the humanity of the characters: Greeland is tragically out of control with power lust, and Enkidu tends to be excessively kind-hearted or just plain wimpy: "A nice young man [who] never had a will of [his] own." Brass presents opposites and through his protagonist brings them together, makes them whole; everything is brought around full circle. Male and female. Gay and straight. Russians and Americans. Rich and poor. All are united through the efforts/existence of Nick Lawrence/Enkidu. And this unity brings the truer and greater strength of shared knowledge and experience. A lesson all of Earth's separate communities will hopefully someday learn.

Perry Brass has also written *Mirage* (published by Belhue Press) which became "an underground best-seller in the U.S. and England." Belhue also published Brass' first book of poems titled *Sex-charge*. His works have been included in *Out of the Closets* (New York University Press), *Penguin Book of Homosexual Verse; Gay Roots, Gay Liberation* (Rolling Stone Press) and a multitude of magazines. ✿

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Gone Tomorrow

By Gary Indiana
Pantheon Books, 1993, $21

Reviewed by Michael Ward

Using broad, bold, graphically vivid strokes to paint his tale of lust, love and loss in the era of AIDS, Gary Indiana comes very near to completing a masterpiece with his latest work, *Gone Tomorrow*. Indiana, a film and art critic for *Village Voice*, *Art Forum* and *Interview*, draws heavily from the two media to create this darkly beautiful recollection of the mysterious events leading to the death of a friend, jetting about and landing the reader in such diverse settings as Manhattan, Munich and Cartagena.

The only things keeping this vibrant, image-saturated work from becoming a complete masterpiece are a few quirks and, perhaps, a laziness on the author's part. Near the end of the novel—part two, chapters 13 through the first part of 16—it reads like an irritating paint-by-numbers section on this otherwise brilliant canvas. That, and the author's intermittent love affair with ellipses to the point of total distraction, are the only drawbacks in this otherwise beautifully rendered work.

Our narrator, who remains nameless through the entire tale he regales us with, makes two poignant remarks for those of us caught in the eye of this malevolent storm of AIDS: "The good times race... suffering crawls"; and, "There is no anger more pointless than that of people left behind." In these two statements, Indiana has captured the thoughts of countless people living through the horror of our times.

The Chelsea Hotel, New York, 1991. The narrator and a friend meet to discuss the unusual details leading to the death of their mutual friend, filmmaker Paul Grosvener. The narrator then flashes back to 1984, Cartagena, the location of Grosvener's latest film, *The Laughter in the Next Room*.

To construct the scene in Cartagena, Indiana throws together a rag-tag group for the cast and crew of the fictional film, including Colombian drug runners, drag queens and transvestites, an overly-endowed quadruple amputee, ex-Nazis, glamorous underground film types, the producer and co-star's imperious and imposing Third Reich mother (or wife, depending on whom you believe), an overly voluptuous leading lady who seems a cross between Brigitte Bardot and Edith Massey, and a leading man whom everyone is desperately trying to bed down (and it seems several do!). It reads like a casting by Fellini with assistance from John Waters. His cast is so richly portrayed, with detailed brush strokes highlighting their quirks, characteristics and confines in a tasty artful way:

> Simone brought the drinks. We perched on the edge of the upper terrace, near Jaybill's wheelchair. Simone pushed the prosthesis to one end of the couch, clearing a space to stretch out. She lay on her side with her elbow on the rail-thin couch arm, a transvestite Cleopatra. It occurred to me that the elegant fabrics and conservative decor of the house were completely at odds with its inhabitants, whose own tastes would undoubtedly run to the arriviste. Their money had come from pimping and whoring and dope. They carried that atmosphere around with them. There was nothing wrong with that as far as I was concerned, but it didn't go with the furniture.

Author Gary Indiana: "There is no anger more pointless than that of people left behind." Photo by Paula Court

And later, describing Simone in a more detailed light:

> I could see that under its vivid makeup Simone's face was bland and even slightly ugly, the nose wide and flat and the eyes a queer round shape, the face of an unloved boy-child grown to quotidian monsterhood. "She" spun herself into a sitting posture on the sofa and crouched forward, lightly gripping a handle of the wheelchair, attempting a sleek, imperious, Diana Ross album cover stance.... Simone's little movements were accelerating—"she" gave the impression of someone pacing rapidly inside her own skull.... She also looked completely stoned on freebase, beyond the stage of verbal diarrhea, at the level where words, if they come at all, eject in a mad gabble and hang in the air as a sort of spoor.

Ending chapter seven, Indiana opts for a "cut-to" style of visual montage instead of his usual fine-tooth comb of detail, and the technique very effectively sums up the people and surroundings of a pre-dinner drink-and-whine get-together.

"In a life where the destiny of everything is to end up dead, the least interesting thing to do with a secret is keep it." Thus spake the narrator. Which brings to mind the question, why keep the narrator's name secret? Though not necessary knowledge, I found myself on the lookout for his moniker throughout the 244 pages.

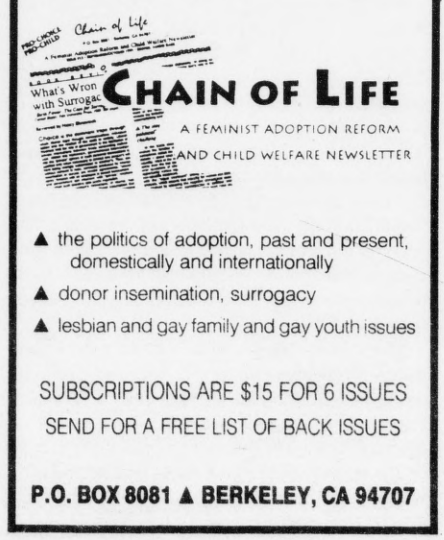
On the other hand, a secret or two would have been appreciated in part two, "The Space of Death." The author seems to be in a race for exposition, opting for speed instead of style. Some would argue this *is* a style, showing we have returned to 1991. However, after reading the previous 166 artfully crafted impressionistic and realistic pages, it seemed as though Indiana didn't finish painting this massive portrait. It gets worse as he establishes a "he said that she said," "Robert said that Paul said," "he said... he said... he said" rhythm that reads less like an artistic writing choice and more like the mode of "I want to finish this damn thing!"

Though these are the artistic choices of a very talented writer, they luckily only compose a small portion of this worthwhile work. Fortunately, he returns to his splendid and enjoyable narrative style for the last half of chapter 16 and continues to the end.

An example of his detailed tapestry-weaving is found at the end of chapter 16, when filmmaker Paul and the star of his movie, Michael, tour the concentration camp Dachau on acid:

> Grimy bands of magenta and blue vibrated in the air like bands of exhausted confetti. Paul summoned images of pissing and shitting prisoners, heads shaved, forearms tattooed, emaciated, haggard, walking dead. But the pictures crumbled, leaving the single brittle image of an artwork for mass guilt. Not stark, but "stark," not moving, but "moving," like everything arranged to stir the dead conscience of the world. And all the dead abandoned by God seemed doubly abandoned by the implacable transformation of emotions into kitsch.

Gone Tomorrow is a formidable work. I highly recommend it. ✿



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"I was born on April 5, 1908," she confides, "and I had my first cigarette on April 6." She reels off a list of her movie accomplishments and rises in anticipation of applause after each mention of a starring role. If the applause isn't spontaneous, she waits.

Mr. Allen's Bette doesn't have many good things to say about anybody. Targets of her sarcasm include several ex-husbands ("I was a famous woman and men can't handle that"); Michael Jackson ("What can he star in—a remake of *The African Queen*?"); Joan Crawford ("Those weren't shoulder pads, those were vodka bottles"); President Reagan ("*Dark Victory* is still my favorite film even though Ronald Reagan *was* in it"); and a daughter who turned on her. Between cigarettes she did manage to compliment one young Hollywood actor. "I see a great deal of myself in Debra Winger. She is very different. That is the beginning of success."

She even lashed out at a nameless nurse who had ministered to her after the stroke. "I had this obnoxious nurse. I couldn't *move*, and she would rush in and eat my food!"

In constructing his portrait of Davis, Allen creates part camp monster and part ardent feminist who got as far as she did through guts and sheer Yankee willpower. It's a performance based on traditional drag insult humor but layered with some oddly touching moments when the star lets *us* know that *she* knows she's parodying herself.

Miss Davis forced the audience to join her in "I've Written a Letter to Daddy," and later sailed through a rocky solo on a Sinatra-inspired "I Did It the Hard Way."

A question-and-answer session proved that Randy Allen is indeed adept at firing off in-character zingers with the same aplomb with which Bette Davis handled interviewers. And he has the perfect last word, or in her case, words: "This concludes our evening," Miss Davis says, snuffing out another cigarette. "You may have expected more, but I'm old and I don't give a damn what you expected."

P.S. Bette Davis continues at the Plush Room through May 2. Call 885-2800. ✿

art

Lesbian Visual Artists

by Randy Turoff

Happy Hyder, director of Lesbian Visual Artists, with LVA Planning Committee member Mary Saria. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

What does it mean to be a lesbian visual artist in these times? What does it entail for any artist to be able to market, to sell, create and sustain a personal vision through time and through periods of financial struggle? What makes a work of art identifiably lesbian art? What are some of the available strategies open to lesbian visual artists for successfully pursuing career goals?

LVA: Lesbian Visual Artists, is a multicultural arts organization dedicated to promoting and providing a network for lesbian visual artists. This Bay Area organization is in its fourth year and is expanding rapidly. According to director L.A. (Happy) Hyder, LVA is becoming known worldwide, with daily requests for its newsletter and for further information. Its slide registry is beginning to be used by publishers, curators and magazines interested in seeing and reproducing the work of lesbian artists. Slide shows of the varied works are getting more and more play.

As part of LVA's plan to provide useful information and networking possibilities for lesbian artists, it is sponsoring a series of panels, workshops and events under the heading "Elements and Angles," through the spring and into the summer. I was fortunate enough to have attended the first session at the Spectrum Gallery in San Francisco. It was an informative, inspirational and enjoyable Sunday afternoon. The two guest speakers were Adrienne Fuzee, art historian, former president of the SF Arts Commission Gallery Advisory Board and currently curator-in-residence at the Spectrum Gallery, and Kim Anno, painter, public artist and visiting professor at U.C. Berkeley and the San Francisco Art Institute. Following their open-ended discussions were two after-snack workshops on tax preparation and portfolio presentation techniques led by Belinda Gomez and Tesia Blackburn, respectively.

Both Fuzee and Anno addressed the issue of commercial viability for lesbian artists in a largely lesbophobic art world. They both spoke about perseverance, patience and vision. They shared their personal career stories as art professionals, along with stories about their evolving politics around seeing art not only as a product, but as a living personal and public dialogue. As an independent curator, Fuzee works by selecting paintings or art objects to be shown in galleries. She calls the shots on how they'll hang together in terms of theme and aesthetics. As a historian she is also called upon to place the art and artist in a meaningful context.

Fuzee sees art as a lifelong process, a lifelong commitment by the artist to find the vehicle or vehicles for her vision. The art is an ongoing dialogue between the physical object or the medium and the life that the artist embodies. If the artist is a lesbian, this becomes an integral part of the dialogue.

I asked Fuzee if she's ever hung a show of lesbian art per se. Her answer was interesting. For starters, she has a New Orleans background and was born a dark-skinned Creole and raised Roman Catholic in private schools. She's had many problems with certain feminists who've claimed she's not Black enough. She asks rhetorically: Do you identify with feminism? If you identify with feminism, does this mean you're a "feminist"? It's empowering, she believes, that we are all basically free to name and identify and define ourselves in any number of categories. She says that one can use identity for affirming whatever it is you want to affirm about yourself. The appropriate naming comes from within the individual. She identifies as an art historian, and this is how she wants people to respond to her. As a curator, she looks for work with personal integrity and personal truth, however the artist identifies. She looks for work without shame.

Anno also spoke intensely about an artist needing to get into her own substrata in order to partake of the creative process in making art. Since graduate school, Anno's been a vagabond teacher, having to move around the country and often having to give up friends and relationships in pursuit of her career and to be able to finance her life as a painter. She believes there is a great need to expand the definition of art beyond the commodity system, to open up the process to more people in a more ritualistic public way. Art, she says, needs to be integrated into the daily lives of the public or else it becomes distanced from the culture, elitist and ultimately seen as an unnecessary luxury during financially tight times. Like Fuzee, Anno believes strongly that making art is a lifelong commitment and that the artist

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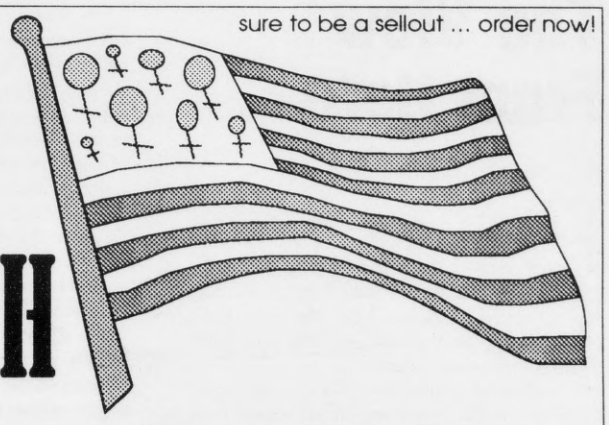

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must consistently strive to be true to herself and her vision. If the artwork conveys this truth to others, she stresses, the market will form around it.

As for group identity, Anno advises the lesbian artist to proceed with caution and not get boxed into one identity. She says that if you decide you want to address the mainstream, you cannot depend solely on your gay identity, but you need to identify with your own personal vision, your overall integrity and your wholeness as a multidimensional person. She emphasizes that one of the pitfalls of feminist art of the '70s was that group identity led to art which became too homogenized and too predictable. In the name of feminist art, too many women relegated themselves to producing and reproducing vaginal imagery and circles.

So what does it mean to be a lesbian visual artist? How is LVA to be seen? Is it a support group? Is it a viable marketing tool? How does the organization work for the lesbians associated under its umbrella? These and many more questions will be explored in future panels and events. Fuzee adds that whatever it means to be a lesbian visual artist, it's certain that each of us has and must stick by her own self-defined and life-defined identity. No matter whom we attach ourselves to or how we decide as a group to market ourselves, each artist is unique. If Fuzee were to hang a strictly lesbian show (something she's never done), she'd probably do it by theme, elements or angles. She's not interested in doing a show where sexual preference dictates the theme, and she's not interested in limiting notions of lesbian art to erotic art. At this point she's looking toward primary connecting symbols that join us all as children of the Female Mother of all races, cultures and subcultures. She's looking at the anthropological discovery of "Lucy," the genetic matrix of our species and of our matrilineal heritage. "Maybe the feminists were right after all," she grins, "maybe we all really are sisters, down to the bones."

For further information on LVA, call (415) 821-2975 and check SF Bay Times *calendar listings for future events.* ✿

Michael Manning

by Tom W. Kelly

Pansexuality reigns in Stormy Leather's exhibition of new works by Michael Manning. Though less than 20 pieces comprise the show, the quality of execution makes up for quantity. Bold black-and-white images feature lesbians, gays and straights partaking in anal and oral sex, as well as a spot of bestiality. Truly eye-popping and mind-expanding visuals. Leave the kiddies (and teens) at home, because this one's for those over 18 only.

Young and handsome, 29-year-old Manning looks deceptively innocent with his shoulder-length brown hair and wide-eyed face. Who would expect this sweet cherub to create such intensely sexual art? "Ever since puberty, I drew from my imagination. Very sexual (pictures). I'd hide them, but my parents would find them and throw them in the garbage." The course of true talent never did run smooth. Born in New York, Manning relocated to Massachusetts. He graduated from the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, where he studied animation. But for the last two years he's lived in San Francisco. Does he like it here? "I *love* it here!" he says.

Using fine-tip brushes and/or a variety of dip pens, Manning creates dynamic and dramatic images of extreme eroticism. In each he has masterfully imparted a serene sense of elegance to his latex and/or black leather clad subjects. Several featured works are illustrations from *Spectral Crown*, an adult graphic novel. And graphic it most definitely must be. Others were made especially for the exhibit. All share an excellence of execution and an erotic savagery.

Michael Manning's work conveys an intricate world of graphic sexual images.

The exhibited work is for sale and ranges from $50 to $200. The first to sport a red sticker (meaning "sold") was "Ibis," featuring a fornicating male-female couple sporting ibis bird masks as well as leg and arm bondage casings. The piece is beautifully rendered and electrifyingly graphic.

Mythological figures proliferate in "Serpent Goddess," where a beefy, bullish minotaur forcefully fucks a muscular centaur bound in black latex from head to hoof. Solemnly observing (or possibly running the show) is the snake-whip-wielding Serpent Goddess.

Lesbian sado-masochism rarely looked more refined or sophisticated than in "Mounted." The placard contains a poetic quote, part of which sets the scene: "A contessa's secret stable, high-walled and tree-shaded." As pictured, said contessa, bedecked in black bonnet and gown, rides atop the back of a slave girl who is also being anally dildo fucked.

Bestiality rears its furry head in "Leashed/Unleased," a graphic triptych featuring reciprocal oral sex between woman and dog. The placard reads "Simone always used Wolf to test her new maid's limits." The viewer's limits are perhaps tested as well. Although some may balk at the shocking subject matter, others (myself included) will consider the highly charged masterpieces to be celebrations of extreme sexual expression. And while you're there, consider browsing around. There's a wide assemblage of latex and leather items. For information regarding commissioned work, contact Michael Manning at 3288 21st St, #21, SF 94110. *New Work* by Michael Manning, Stormy Leather, 1158 Howard (between 7th and 8th) until June 5. Over 18 only. ✿

film

Silverlake Life: The View From Here

Reviewed by Randy Turoff

Filmmaker Tom Joslin decided to shoot a video diary chronicling his AIDS journey to death. With the help of his lover Mark Massi and their friend Peter Friedman, Joslin created *Silverlake Life: The View From Here*, a deeply intimate and personal film, completed after Joslin's death.

Silverlake Life is an emotionally open and easily accessible work. Joslin and Massi shared their lives for 22 years. When Joslin finally succumbed to AIDS-related meningitis, Massi was left to complete the final sequences. We see Massi videotaping himself sweeping up Joslin's ashes from the rug beside the funeral urn. He faces the camera and tells us how strange it was to see his partner as a dead person. Massi, suffering with KS for a long time, keeps up a peppy banter throughout the film, even during his lover's last months. By the time the film actually ends, 99 minutes after it began, we see the cadaver of Tom Joslin, the man who had been speaking to us and sharing his life with us, being zipped into a body bag. We watch Massi filling out the death certificate. All of this happens routinely, but is deeply moving for the audience, as we have come to feel close to the two men. *Silverlake* allows us to empathize completely, as if Joslin and Massi were our own friends. We're brought to that intimate space where we are able to fully appreciate the precious solidity of their long-term partnership.

The irony and injustice of having Joslin's marital status officially listed as "Never Married" on the death certificate provides a particularly poignant moment of the film. Even his mother, who had known about her son's relationship and had accepted both Joslin and his lover into her home for years of Christmas reunions, only came to acknowledge Massi's primary and fundamental role in Joslin's life in the aftermath of her son's death. For a moment of truly shared grief, the bond between Massi and Joslin's mom was finally and profoundly forged. Given the gravity of its subject matter, *Silverlake Life* is not a morbid film. The preoccupation with death and dying is as matter-of-fact as CAT scans, hospital visits, medication, lesions and family dynamics. It's as ordinary as terminal illness has become, as commonplace as losing energy after a strenuous shuffle down the supermarket aisle. Watching one's friends die, or seeing one's own body deteriorate almost beyond recognition, has become a shared experience for so many people these days that this video diary could speak for a multitude. The quality of the film editing, and the engaging honesty of the subjects, including their rage and anger, pushes the film toward a realm of universality.

In a way, filming his death was not much of a departure for Tom Joslin as a filmmaker. He was used to filming his life autobiographically. Through flashback footage we see Joslin and Massi in their 20s, mugging for the camera and dancing cheek-to-cheek, in the bloom of youth and health. At that time, Joslin had brought Massi home and he had made a videotape recording of his original coming out to his parents, including interviews with the put-upon family. This startling cinema verite technique turned into a film, *Autobiography of a Close Friend. Silverlake Life* is full of unassuming truths. The realness comes from Joslin's undaunted look at death and life seen as the incomprehensible entanglement of supreme joy and profound sorrow. Whatever metaphysics underpin the film, the effect is natural and unmanipulative.

Tom Joslin and his lover Mark before the filmmaker's death. Photo by Judy Linn

Both Joslin and Massi have different expectations of death and different ways of treating the threat of disease in their lives. Several months before Tom Joslin finally died, he managed to condense his thoughts about dying into a straightforward monologue delivered from his bed to the camera aimed at his head on the pillow. He confesses he's been extremely depressed after having done nothing but lay listlessly in bed for two-and-a-half weeks. He says, "I've lost the steam of life," the steam which keeps you rolling toward something. If there's any lesson, he tells us, it's that "you're supposed to roll, just roll, not roll *towards* something." But it all feels somehow pointless to him and ultimately he believes, "The real story is, you get what you get."

Silverlake Life will be presented at the Castro Theatre in a special limited engagement, April 26-27. The film won a Grand Jury Award at the recent Sundance Film Festival and a Golden Gate Award from this year's juried competition at the San Francisco International Film Festival. It will be playing at the Kabuki on May 12 as part of the overall SF Intl. Film Festival.

For information on the upcoming 36th International Film Festival (April 29-May 13), pick up the program or call (415) 931-FILM. Of special interest to the lesbian and queer community this year is the screening on May 8 at the Castro Theatre of Sally Potter's much-lauded new film, *Orlando*. Potter's *Orlando* is based on the Virginia Woolf novel about a character who goes through four centuries, living part of the time as a man and then miraculously transformed into a woman. Starring Tilda Swinton (from *Edward II*), *Orlando* will only play one night at the festival in a special award ceremony, but the film is due to open commercially in the summer. Another film of interest, also starring Tilda Swinton, is a British import called *Man To Man*, showing at the Kabuki Theatre as part of the festival on May 10-12. In this film, androgynous character Ella Gericke assumes the identity of her deceased husband Max. Filling out her male persona, she wears a rabbit's foot in the crotch of her pants. The Weimar Republic, Nazism, modern Germany, gender and politics are the subjects treated in PoMo style. A German film about the intimate relationship between a straight woman and a gay man makes its U.S. debut in *The Blue Hour*. It's been touted as poetic, sparse and touching. You might want to check it out. The films *Crush*, *Celine*, *Rebels of the Neon God*, and *Betty Blue Uncut* also sound very promising in a queerish sort of way. Stay tuned for more explicit info on the film festival as the press screenings continue. ✿

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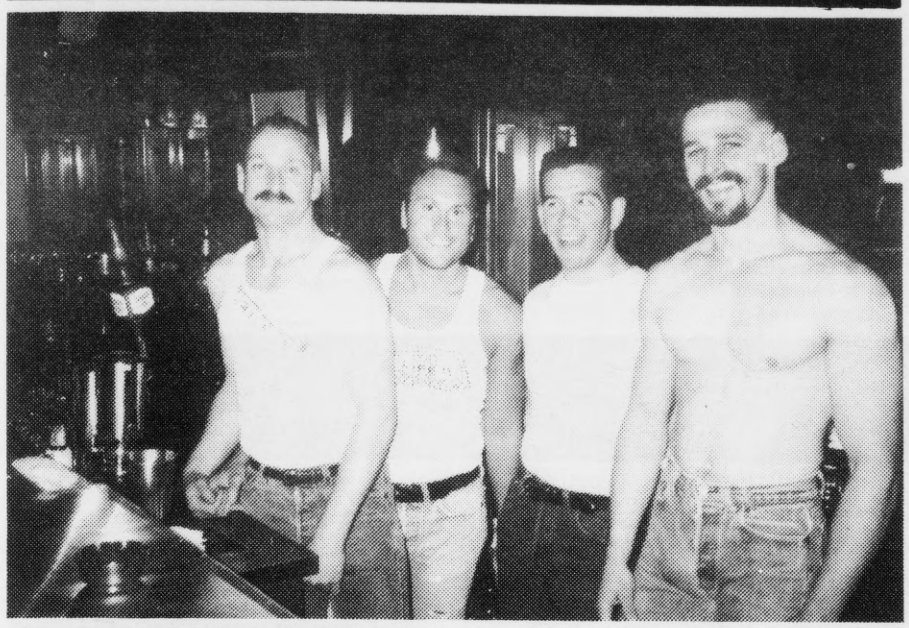

The staff at the Jackhammer (l-r): Carl, Marc, Paul and Mikel. Photo by St. Clair

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Leather Coverage Needs Balance

Recently, a growing number of news reports and talk shows have dealt with the subject of leather and S/M, much to my growing concern. Many of the talk show guests do not represent the majority and maybe not even the minority. News reports have focused on the sensational and bizarre, grossly misrepresenting the leather and S/M communities. It appears the issues of gays in the military, AIDS and gay rights have created an environment of mass hysteria.

On the talk shows they discuss specific sexual practices with no interest in the person behind the acts, lumping us all together as perverts who live unhealthy lives. The talk show hosts are ignorant about the subject matter, thinking that leather, S/M and fetishes are all the same thing. They also assume that if you are a leather person, you must be gay and into S/M. I know of many people who are into S/M and not into leather, as well as many leather men and women who are not into S/M. They forget that straight and gay alike share these lifestyles, and it's the private business of those consenting adults who wish to share experiences.

"One ringy-dingy, two..." Ernestine hops around on Easter Sunday. Photo by St. Clair

Critics have passed judgment on us without understanding that we are also human and deserve the right to privacy and acceptance. It appears they are only interested in the sexual aspect of our lives—but research has shown that their sexual practices are as unconventional as they accuse ours of being. The leather and S/M families welcome those who wish to share in our lives, but we do not impose our lifestyle on anyone.

It's time for us to put pressure on the talk shows to take a different sample of guests, recommended by legitimate leather, S/M and gay organizations. Education, love and forgiveness are the keys to healing the cracked psyche of our world. Call your local media outlet and express your frustration. You can also send me your concerns and I will report them in future issues.

UNDERWEAR

Andy Rose (Mr. SF Eagle Leather '93) hosted an underwear auction at the SF Eagle on April 9. The crowd was very nervous at the start of the bidding, but got into it after a few items were sold. Irwin Kane (Leather Daddy X) and Queen Cougar (Ms. SF Leather) did a fine job of emceeing the event. Andy, may you have many fine fundraisers and an enjoyable time as a new titleholder.

EASTER SUNDAY

Easter was a bright spring afternoon spent among friends having parties and groping Easter baskets. In the midst of the crowded bars surfaced the Bondage Bonnet and Ernestine (A Phone Company Rep.) along with many very attractive bunnies and other colorful characters. Someone must have ordered a bus full of hot ones, because they were everywhere. A good time was had by almost all, but there were a few Scrooges around.

JACKHAMMER

I visited the Jackhammer the other night and was impressed by the friendliness of the staff. The bar was packed, but I did not have to wait long for a drink. The bar seems to attract a friendly crowd of men—I mean, real men. Owners John and Phil seem to be very pleasant and have a good thing going in their area. For those into red hankies, remember that you will get happy hour prices between 7 pm and 2 am for wearing a red hanky. I'm sure that it won't matter what side you have it in.

COMING UP

Mother's Day Party (May 9 from 2-6 pm): The eighth annual Wally Look-Alike contest at the Watering Hole Saloon. Grant Dupont and Vern Stewart (that's King Stewart to you) will emcee this fundraiser for the AIDS Emergency Fund. As most of you know, Wally has been an active member of the leather community for many years and was a great help in raising many needed dollars to fight the AIDS crisis. Wally has many other projects including, but not limited to, publishing *Leather/Levi Lexicon* and the annual Leather Coronation "Bal Masque."

(l-r) Queen Cougar (Ms. SF Leather '93), Andy Ross (Mr. SF Eagle Leather '93) and Leather Daddy X Irwin Kane at the underwear auction. Photo by St. Clair

Desert Leather Fest: May 14-16, Palm Springs will be the site of "A Desert Storm." Since it is on Armed Forces Day, this will be especially dedicated to the lesbians and gays serving in the United States Armed Forces. A fantastic combination of entertainment—including singer Terry Foster, comedian Tom Ammiano and the Boys of Sacramento and their fantasies—will make your weekend an enjoyable one. Friday night, May 14, is a beer bust party at Wolf's. Saturday afternoon, May 15, is a poolside party at the Garbo Inn. Saturday night at the Desert Palms Inn is "A Salute to Armed Forces Day Bash." Sunday, May 16, is another pool party at the Garbo Inn followed by a beer bust at Wolf's. The host resorts are Camp Palm Springs (800) 793-0063 and A Casa Bella (619) 325-1487 and room prices range from $49 to $89. A crafts fair, leather wear exhibition, workshops and many more activities will make the weekend complete. For more information or to have a flyer sent to you call (415) 364-1915.

P.S.

Burn, Burn, Burn: The tables have finally turned. As per Vern Stewart, the Watering Hole Saloon has been sold to new owners and he will be the new manager. Good luck, Vern!

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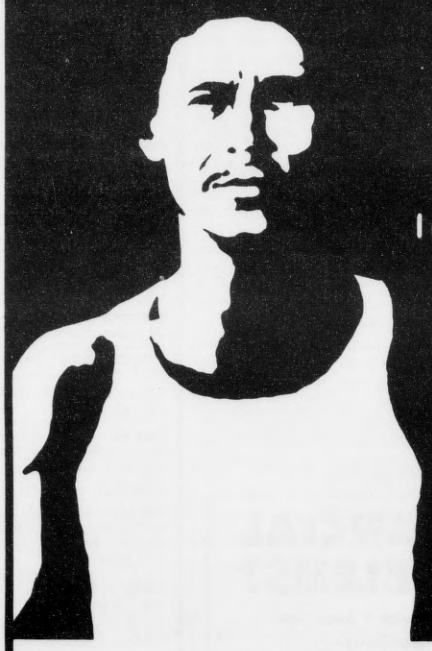

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Letters...

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Flames of Awareness

The institutionalized bigotry and oppression bisexuals, gays, lesbians and transgenders face and are governed by, has always existed. These ignominious idealisms have formed our society into a class system. A system of divide-and-conquer tactics that has allowed slave-owners, feudal landlords and corporate ruling clases to keep for themselves the lion's share of wealth created by the laboring class. Like racism and all forms of prejudice, bigotry and oppression are deadly carcinogens. They pit us against each other, preventing us from seeing each other as allies, which is why it is very important for us to become aware of our differences and learn to accept them. Genuine bonds of solidarity can be forged between us out of respect for each other's differences and we can use these differences as strengths to fight the enemy of classism. We are that class of differences that does the work of the world, and can revolutionize it. We can and will win true liberation from the mentally intolerable conditions of classism by knocking down the doors of the closets around the world, letting out all those who are oppressed by hate, leading them screaming all the way to Washington, and demanding our human rights and acceptance which are already covered in the Constitution.

As we are defining the paradoxes of our lives, developing our consciousness about what gender we represent in the wake of our status quo society, and what we stand for, and looking at the tremendous contributions we have already made to the universe, we can't help but find ourselves at war with society for acceptance, battling the morals of political dictation coming from behind the mask of Christian ignorance. However, I am proud to say, our intelligence, health (in spite of life-threatening illnesses), and education are more than enough ammunition to fight back, especially since we have in our ranks the rainbow flag.

We must fight to change the narrow vision of our country's criminal acts toward us, because if the United States thinks that it can remain a strong nation by our elimination, it will be destroyed by this very energy of ignorance which it uses in the process, as it is now doing to keep us out of the military.

James Baldwin tells us that our humanity is our burden, our life; we need not battle for it; but we must, because we have to teach society what is infinitely more difficult—that is, to accept our lives. The failure of society lies in its rejection of our lives, our human being, the denial of our beauty, our right to love each other, the denial of our—dread—power, in its insistence that it is its categorization of white male (heterosexual) life, which is real and which cannot be transcended.

Human freedom is complex, difficult—and a private thing. If we can liken fire, for a moment, to a furnace, then freedom is the fire which burns away illusion. Our march must be the fire that will burn away the illusion of our society's hidden laws and assumptions. We will march to burn away the idiocy of those hidden laws of sexism, racism and homophobia. As a Black gay person, I ask for your help in helping me to incite the flame of awareness to the noxious effects of institutional oppressors, drugs and alcohol, and hopelessness coupled with AIDS as we march in solidarity on April 25.

Voices represented by thousands of different flames can illuminate the message to the world of "live and let live," and that the purpose of any human born to being should be just that: the being we were born to be, to live. Our rage will scream loud and clear, "Your laws and policies are out of date, and we are here to update them and we will not accept no for an answer—in fact, changing them is non-negotiable, because our lives are not a prob-

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open exchange

■ HELP WANTED

Program Staff CCCO-WR seeks experienced organizer/fundraiser. FT $21K + benefits. Resumes to box 422249, SF CA 94142. Fax: (415) 474-2311. No calls. **AA/EOE**.

Therapists Needed. Looking for gay/lesbian identified MFCC/MSW licensed/eligible to work with gay/lesbian clients and general population. Part-time per diem. Write: Ann Webster, Adult and Child Guidance Center, 950 W. Julian, San Jose, CA 95126. Send resume and cover letter.

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Executive Director for a Bay Area Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual/Sexual Minority agency. 2-5 years experience in management of a nonprofit community or social service agency. People of color and women encouraged to apply. Deadline: 5/24/93. Send resume to Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley 94705. For more information call (510) 548-8283.

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■ REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The AIDS Office of the Department of Public Health is soliciting proposals for HIV prevention and education services targeting gay men in the San Francisco Latino community. Services solicited are educational interventions which increase the level of awareness about HIV infection and support sustained behavior change. Bidders Conference Date/Time: Thursday, April 29, 1993, 10:00 am. Place: AIDS Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, 5th floor, San Francisco, CA 94102.

Public Health Tobacco Free Project seeks proposals for an agency/group that will target the gay/lesbian/bisexual community to ensure that cessation services are provided; promote the implementation of smoke free policies at SF restaurants, businesses, bars, clubs and community agencies; outreach, inform and organize one event and integrate activities into a city-wide campaign. The estimated amount is $80,000. Call 554-9152 for a proposal package. Due 12 noon, May 17, 1993. Bidder's Conference Date: April 27, 1993, 1 pm, at 1540 Market Street, Suite 250, San Francisco, CA 94102.

■ VOLUNTEERS

Facilitator Training for women's cancer resource center. Support group facilitators who have or had cancer, women of color, especially needed. Call 548-WCRC for more info.

Volunteers Needed: Support for women with cancer at Highland Hospital. Multilingual, women of color especially needed. Info: 548-WCRC.

Are you young & gay? Be a part of the first lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and questioning Youth Talk Line in the Bay Area! Volunteers are needed to staff the lines and provide support. People of color and bilingual people are especially encouraged to get involved. Call LYRIC, the Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center, at (415) 703-6150 for more information.

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■ PARENTING

Group for Lesbian Mothers with Infants: Come together with other new mothers and share the joys and concerns that are part of the transition into Motherhood. Group meets Wednesday mornings in Oakland. Audrey Martin, MFCC (MV023054) (510) 428-1505. Individual and family sessions available.

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Lesbian (30) seeks home to share, studio, or someone to search together in **Marin**. Nonsmoker, neat, easygoing. Prefer Southern Marin. $500 max. Must move June 1. Jill 388-5161.

■ APT FOR RENT

Share 2 BR, 2 BA, condo in San Leandro with GWM. Nice unit w/pool and washer/dryer, fireplace. Must be neat, mature, responsible. $450 mo + utilities, $250 deposit. Nonsmoker, no drugs. (510) 614-1918 Mike.

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Roommate Wanted: Gay man seeks roommate to share 2 BR flat near 7th/Folsom. Your half of the rent is only $333.50 plus 1/2 utilities (PG&E, Viacom). Except for your bedroom the flat is fully furnished; the kitchen well equipped. No booze, drugs, or tobacco, but pets and perverts are welcome. I enjoy cooking, baking, and noisy leathersex, so my ideal roommate might be a deaf leatherman who enjoys cleaning. (I know some ASL, but does anybody really enjoy cleaning?) All that really matters is that you can pay half the bills (cheap!), do your share of the housework (not a lot) and negotiate honestly about the inevitable frictions of sharing space. Call Jack (415) 864-8302.

Great three-woman Noe Valley flat seeks lesbian for May 1st. Please be over 25, considerate and clean. 285-9395. No pets. Short term OK.

Two women & a cat looking for roommate, 24+, gainfully employed. Biggish room w/own sink in large 1st floor Victorian flat in lower Pac Hts. $345/mo. Great neighborhood, good buslines, decent parking. No dogs, birds or drug users, pls. Yee-haw. Call 776-0496 or 563-0204, Meg and/or Jill.

Pacific Heights GM $450 + ½ utilities, deposit negotiable. W/D, sunny, quiet, dishwasher. Buslines 1, 24, 38, 22, 4. Tim 673-0761.

Rare Opportunity: Lesbian couple (late 30s/early 40s) with two residences seeks responsible, considerate lesbian to share 2 bedroom 1 bath flat, Mission/Army area. 1 block to bus lines. We stay in SF Sunday through Wednesday nights, occasional weekends. $350 month + deposit, PG&E. No pets, smokers or substance abuse please. **Available now**. (408) 899-0225.

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■ HOUSE TO SHARE

$465. Seeking responsible woman to share cozy 3 bedroom Glen Park home with lesbian couple mid-30s and two dogs. Sunny, fireplace, W/D, yard, housekeeper. No smokers or cats. (415) 469-5051.

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Seeking lesbian-friendly woman to share spacious 3 bedroom home in SF Richmond district near beaches, park, buses. Large yard,

small mellow-happy dog (no more pets), parking, storage. Value humor, creativity, communication, consideration, cleanliness, feminist consciousness, quiet. $312 plus utilities. Call 221-3765.

Lesbian wanted to share 2-bedroom house in N. Berkeley. Yard, skylights, wood-burning stove. Dog negotiable. Sorry, no cats. Available May 1st. $400/month. (510) 528-0733.

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$400. Share with 3 lesbians and cat; Cole Valley, garden, garage; nonsmoking, no other pets; call Bonnie or Denise 665-9384.

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I'm a 35-yr-old, single, East Bay lesbian who is crazy about dogs, any dog, any size (just about how I like my women!). I have a fabulous 13-month-old female Rottweiler named "Boo Boo," who is darn near the greatest joy in my life. I'm looking for other lesbians, with dogs, preferably single, preferably open to friendship or the possibility of dating (the woman of course). I'm interested in walking, talking about or enjoying our dogs together. Ya see, I'm a little shy and awkward at first meeting new people. But get me around dogs and, welp, the 5-yr-old comes out in me! If you are interested in long walks with me and "Boo Boo" or just some fun "playtime," call ★★5624.

How Do I Love Thee?
I worship your delectable body with massage, great sex and good home-cooked meals. I stimulate your soul with my sense of humor, my willingness to listen, and my ability to see your fullest potential. I surprise you with unusual presents, songs and silliness. I'm in my mid-30s, cute, sensitive and intelligent. If you don't smoke and do live in the City, reply BT Box AP2B or call ★★5625.

Ms. Robinson
45, professional and really really tired of all the mid-life crises of my "peers." Be 30-45 and remind me of what it's like to have a really good time without all of the head trips. You seduce me & I'll seduce you. Reply BT Box AP3B or call ★★5626.

Why Not Ask Why?
I'm 30 years old, emotionally unencumbered by past relations, and seeking a woman who knows the difference between Fran Lebowitz and Annie Leibovitz (and appreciates both). If you hated "Claire of the Moon" and rebel against the notion that being in a relationship means settling for what seems to be available, call me... I live in the South Bay. Bonus points if you're Joanne Loulan. Reply BT Box AP4B or call ★★5627.

Diamond-In-The-Rough
Affectionate, honest, communicative, outgoing, intelligent, optimistic, playful, attractive, androgynous, NS, who loves life. Interested in personal growth and a variety of indoor and outdoor activities. Emotionally, "38." Physically, "44." Chronologically, 52. For friendship, cuddle buddies or possible relationship. Call ★★5628.

A Slave's Desire
Is to serve her master. A slave's pleasure is her master's satisfaction. A slave's body is her master's property. GWF, top, not flashy, plays safely/sanely on psychological/spiritual level. Does the rat tell the psychologist which maze? Neither will you. If you can submit to this level, get down on your knees and call now. Call ★★5629.

April Fool, 34, Pretty Handsome
Sensual, sensitive, androg. musician seeks woman with a life and dreams of her own, who has time for mutual support and amusement, and time for passion of the carnal kind. Hopelessly romantic optimist looking forward to LTR with another kind & gentle person. When not making music I like being at home, riding bikes, silly TV, spontaneity, hanging out, working out, making out and laughing. Not much money & I smoke & drink, but I've dealt with all that life's thrown at me and emerged remarkably stable and sane. Want to be treated really well? My next song's about you, sweet thang. Call yesterday. Call ★★5630.

To Be
Or to write an ad. This is the question. Whether tis nobler for this short, cute, 31-year-old to invite the attention of anonymous readers, or to take arms against a sea of solo dinners and by digesting, end them. Yikes, enough! Seeking women w/great senses of humor for friendship type encounters including, but not limited to, movies, dinner, hiking, racquetball, miniature golf, plays, long drives, concerts & of course conversation. No hvy drinkers/drugs. Prefer SF domicile types as I lack any terrain vehicle. Single but not malcontent. Friendship is just fine. Call ★★5631.

Spring Is Turning
Your face to mine. PC (not) BiWF, 41, 5', slim, single, non-monogamous, intelligent but fun seeks very pretty, feminine young woman, 18-27, slim, intelligent, fun, difficult, for springtime frolics or lifelong passion. Long-haired blondes and redheads encouraged. See, I told you I was not PC. Be brave, it's just a phone call. Call ★★5632.

Doctor Sweetie
You have a Ph.D. (in something other than psychology) and would appreciate someone who admires your mind and courts your softness. I am mid-40s professional, seeker, ready to soar or settle with a passionate, bright woman. Reply BT Box AP5B or call ★★5633.

Your Ass Is Mine... Angel
Holding you tight against my body I tease you with my mouth and eyes. Slowly lifting your robe, exposing your soft white ass. Starting softly, teasing, rubbing, patting, working you more, you moan my name in ecstasy. My slaps get harder, wilder, as you plead, "Mercy, Daddy, mercy!" Closing my eyes, feeling the power of our love, trust and passion, realizing the blessing of your love. —Daddy. Reply BT Box AP6B or call ★★5634.

I'm For Real
Down-to-earth, non-materialistic, sensitive, gentle, honest, intuitive, attractively shy with good sense of humor. Youthful 45, NS, social drinker, emotionally and financially stable and cute. Enjoy hiking, camping, walks, concerts, movies, dining out, garage sales, holding hands and cuddling. I value honesty and monogamous relationships. Seeking warm, caring, slenderish, androgynous lady, 40-48. Please, no 12-steppers, smokers, S/M or kids. Call ★★5635.

Fun-Loving European
East Bay GWF, slim and attractive, 36 y.o., seeks quiet, 30-40 y.o., responsible, working GWF to share the following interests: movies, sports, Reno trips, hot tubs, bbq & fun. No drugs, no heavy drinkers. Photo would be nice. Reply PO Box 5334, Hercules 94547.

Someone Like Me
Gay woman who loves women, otherwise very mainstream seeks same. I'm 38, attractive, 5'6", slender, professional, emotionally and financially secure, with a great sense of humor and lots of passion to share. Would like to meet friends (and potentially more) from SF or Marin for hikes, movies, dinners, great chats and even an occasional trip to Nordstrom. I'm new to classified dating, so please be gentle. Describe and express yourself in writing to: BT Box AP7B.

Admittedly Selfish Request
I want pictures of anything, anyone, anywhere. Pictures you took, pictures you made, pictures you found. Pictures so exciting I take them to bed. Pictures so dull I wonder why they exist. Pictures of absolutely anything. And, if you ask, I'll send a picture to you. Reply BT Box AP8B or call ★★5636.

K. A.K.A. T.
I couldn't be more disappointed... but you have to follow your heart. Hope you find your someone special—until then and beyond I'll be your secret admirer. Love, L.

Hey You
32-year-old, overstuffed, blue-eyed lesbian would like to meet other overstuffed lesbians for friendship and possible LTR. Laughter, adventure, honesty and romance are what I like in a lady. My interests include women's music, cats, reading, weekend getaways and movies. If you would like to share any of the above, give me a call. Call ★★5637.

Seeking A Lover/Companion
Who has the light of humor and honesty in her eyes, some measure of her own herstory, some insight, some blind spots, a quirky mind, a compassionate heart, a lively spirit, good hands... I am a mid-40s feminist lesbian with a steady job, a mortgage, an old dog, a kind heart. The older I get, the less sure I am about my spot on the butch/femme scale... I love chocolate, car talk, Roseanne Cash, puppies, taquerias, the beach anytime, mochas to go, Aretha, women's basketball, Etta James, Mary Oliver, oysters on the half-shell, dancing, old photographs, Ella singing Cole Porter, hot baths, periwinkle blue, colors at twilight. Reply BT Box AP9B or call ★★5638.

Latin Gal
Wants to meet you over coffee or a drink at Cafe San Marcos. I'm a 30-yr-old, attractive, Latin woman, petite, androgynous, willing to share her Spanish w/anyone interested. Please be femme or soft butch who enjoys being a woman. Race or age unimportant. Reply BT Box AP10B or call ★★5639.

Single, lesbian-identified bisexual woman, 27, in search of women who can appreciate softness. I am a good listener and expect the same in return. I am a nonconformist and have my own

Dykes To Watch Out For

ONE BIG HAPPY
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DUE TO AN INOPPORTUNELY BLOWN OIL PAN GASKET, OUR GALS HAVE FORSAKEN LOIS'S AGED VW FOR A MORE PUBLIC MEANS OF TRANSPORT TO THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON.
GREAT. THIS IS JUST GREAT, LOIS. THANKS TO YOU I'M GONNA BE TRAPPED OVERNIGHT ON A BUS WITH HARRIET AND THAT... THAT WOMAN.
TRY AND RISE ABOVE IT, MO. WE'RE LUCKY THEY HAD SEATS LEFT.
LIFT THE MILITARY BAN!
MO, UM... HI. LISTEN, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET ELLEN.
MO! AT LONG LAST! WELCOME ABOARD!
UH... HI.
MARCH COORDINATOR
YOU OKAY?
"WELCOME ABOARD." SHEESH! THE NERVE!
HEY, YOU TWO! SIT ACROSS FROM US!
THEA! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE TAKING THE BUS!
YOU KNOW MY LOVER MAXINE.
SURE. GOOD TO SEE YOU.
UH... HI.
I'LL LET YOU HAVE THE AISLE SO YOU CAN FLIRT WITH THEA AFTER OL' MAXINE NODS OFF.
HEY GIRLS, ANYONE SITTING HERE?
NAOMI! NO, I WAS SAVING THESE SEATS ESPECIALLY FOR YOU.
HI!
THIS IS MY LOVER DAVID.
NICE T'MEETCHA, DAVE. RICECAKE?
BiNet USA
UH... HI.
AT LAST, THEY'RE OFF...
FROM THE HALLS OF SAM NUNN'S SENATE TO THE BUNKS IN SUB-MARINES WE WILL FIGHT OUR PEOPLE'S BATTLES IN THE COURTS AND ON THE STREETS...
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kind of strength. My politics lean to the left, but I don't believe in being politically correct. I am looking for someone who is single, lives in the City, eats meat and has the time. Reply BT Box AP11B or call ★★5640.

Hear Ye... Hear Ye...

Single, Black, adventurous, butch, 41 years young, easygoing, professional, physically fit, average looks, sensitive, romantic, attentive, loves long drives, fine foods, movies, walking, making love in front of fireplaces, running away on weekends, reading in bed, being lazy, etc., seeks feminine women with similar interests. I'm hoping for a love connection. Write or leave a message on my voice mailbox. All responses will be answered. I love women of all races and ages. Reply BT Box AP12B or call ★★5641.

Salsa!

Where are you Latinas? I am passionately in love with Latin music, dance, food and culture and am looking for Latinas or people with the same desire to taste and indulge in the culture. I am in my mid-20s and I want to learn and explore the burning sensation of Latin energy. Musical/visual performances, dances and museum exhibitions open up my heart chakra. How about you? Reply BT Box AP13B or call ★★5642.

Sex Therapy Needed

I am a mid-40s woman wanting to work through emotional pain associated with sex (not caused by physical or sexual abuse). I would like someone kind and playful for a mutually healing affair. Not looking for a relationship, just a positive experience that will leave us both feeling better about ourselves. You should be able to talk honestly about your own issues, and be capable of listening to mine. I am open to spiritual as well as psychological methods of healing. Some dependability is necessary; I'm not asking for monogamy, just someone who does what she says she will do. Please no S/M, alcohol, drugs, tobacco, or serious mental illness. Reply BT Box AP14B.

Oh please gray-haired seductive butch top of compassion & appreciation for this 48-yr-old seeker of transformation, penetrate me on every level w/yr intensity, tenderness & communication. Rap to me my fantasies, but only if you are otherwise a truly generous spirit. Dildoes, spanking, games of possession turn me on. Call ★★5643.

Night Of The Living Dead

Disappointed with romance, I seek neither an emotional nor intellectual relationship, but I wouldn't mind examining your corpse. Bloodless autopsy or apprenticeship in necrophilia, take your pick. You must be pale, passive and receptive. Marilyn Monroe and Rita Hayworth lookalikes given preference. Call ★★5644.

la vie en rose

wishing for a woman willing to plunge into a moment's passion & linger through sunsets & sunrises. someone who can believe & be here & now. cathexis. inosculation. 37-yr-old eclectic artiste/entrepreneur wishes to evolve w/a creative dynamic attractive intelligent tallish sophisticated feminine svelte professional n/s 32-42 yrs old exhilarated by psychosocio/ontological dialectics while savoring crab wellington. challenge to wine/dine/dance & wake up w/me. overwhelmed by quiet storms, zen, mindwalk, rachmaninoff, lisa stansfield & the full moon. pls no radicals or difficult neurotics. Call ★★5645.

Sonoma County Country Girl

Seeks romance. Winter is over, it's time for new beginnings. I'm Irish/German/Spanish mix, which makes me feisty, mischievous and passionate. Looking for LTR, but let's start with dinner and flowers. I'm 36, 5'5", 120 lbs., NS/ND. Financially and emotional secure. I enjoy dancing, movies, theater, ballgames, bike rides, flea markets and late nights talking and laughing. North Bay residents preferred. Respond: PO Box 2487, Guerneville 95446 or call ★★5646.

Strange Attractor

Woman, 36, artist, very attractive, earthy, with a passion for life, love, art, nature. Looking to date lesbians, 30-40, that also feel, express a joy for life. I would appreciate a woman who is also very attractive, Bohemian type, intelligent, adventurous, physical, playful, sexual and able to share her true nature. I enjoy films, travel, hiking, music, cooking, fitness, reading, communication. Non-smokers only. Call ★★5647.

Where Are You?

I've looked for you at Charpe's, at TGIF, later at the Cafe and MCC on Sundays, but no luck. 6 yrs. in SF from Southern California, a 40-year-young GWF (never ever bi), 20 yr. blue collar turned executive with Bay Area properties and a busy work schedule. Nonsmoker, no drugs, social drinker. I enjoy most sports, fishing, Harleys, parlor games, fireplaces, rock 'n roll, home improvements, movies, beach, boats, gardening, dogs (don't have one now), good food (but calorie conscious), great sex (no conscience at all) and that breathless feeling of being in love and loved (it's been a while). Dislike rap, cat boxes, drifters, drama queens, snow, British humor. You should be 25-40, attractive, with a goal in life, young at heart, gainfully employed, similar interests—but I'll try anything once. Primarily looking for companionship, affection—ultimately someone to take home to the folks so they know I'm in good hands. Please write and include a photo if this is you. Reply BT Box AP15B or call ★★5648.

Mistress On A Rampage

Seeking submissive slut to do her bidding and satisfy her every whim. Convince me of your worthiness. If you please me you may do the honors of giving me a bath, washing my floors (on your knees), licking my boots, or any other creative and forbidden no-no's. All limits respected and newcummers to S/M well-cum. I am a young, attractive female and a lover of spontaneity. I enjoy having you submit to crossdressing & wearing lingerie, doing house duties (in costume and out), moderate spankings, and humiliation of all sorts. I am open to new ideas and dare you to flair my interest. No skin puncturing please. So let's play, girls. Call ★★5649.

Playmate

Want to go dancing, go to movies, go on trips, have a good time? I'm 65, healthy, don't smoke, drink little, like to exercise, looking for playmates from 55 to 70, who know how to talk about art and feelings. Let's check each other out and enjoy! Reply BT Box AP16B or call ★★5650.

My Heart Is Still Open

For the right woman who is warm, caring, sincere, emotionally present and available for a life partnership. We are grounded, balanced and without hidden agendas. I am youthful in spirit, have an open mind, good humor, enjoy new adventures, concerts, theater, working out and am a 50+ Asian American. Please don't reply if you are set in your ways (like concrete) or your only turn-on is riding off into the sunset to retire. Reply BT Box AP17B.

Dance With Life

I'm a 38-year-old Asian lesbian, 5'4", 125 lbs. Personality-wise, I'm easygoing, low-key and yet am aware of my inner strength and power which I call upon when needed. I'm accepting and non-judgmental and yet I know what I want. I allow things to unfold and yet take the reins when I know I should. What I want is a monogamous, long-term, live-in relationship with someone I could be compatible with. I like to think that there is a balance to maintain in a relationship—giving and taking; strength and weakness; assertion and surrender. Life is a dance rather than a struggle. Dance with me. Call ★★5651.

I Just Had A Thought...

Suppose this 31 y.o. GWF, femme-looking, open-minded, open-hearted, somewhat eclectic, spiritually based, passionate individual told you that she is strong, sensitive, honest and true, humorous, playful and while continuing to expand on her circle of friends, is also interested in dating and romance with you... who are 30+, femme/androgynous, self-secure, emotionally honest, physically fit with an active and full life of good friends and many interests. Could you, I mean, would you take a chance to tell her you want to meet? I'm a sucker for happy endings. Reply BT Box AP17B or call ★★5652.

Spanking

Spanking, spanking, spanking,

couple, or household, on a regular or occasional basis, to be used according to your requirements, however whimsical, arbitrary, or severe, as your maid, secretary, footman, factotum, familiar, footstool, or what you will. My obedience will be the whole of the social contract between us. Designate a place and time and I will await your examination with trembling heart. Call ★★5727.

The Path We Choose

I almost threw this chance away, but I thought I'd try once more to reach the one mind that will find comfort in me and I in her. What of compassion, integrity, self-motivation? What of honesty, depth and intelligence? We've spent much time on building ourselves inside and out, but the last point of loneliness appears now. There must be someone else between 27 and 36, slim, professional and not afraid to test the status quo. Women who are attracted to other women don't have to be ready to marry at the first hint of interest. Can't we just go slow, try being friends, and be comfortable with ourselves and not overwhelm each other? E.B. preferred. Reply BT Box AP305B or call ★★5728.

TRANS

TV French Maid

Would it excite you to dress as a sexy French maid in heels, seamed nylons, petticoat and short skirt? Petite, trim, attractive GWM, late 30s, seeks young-looking, trim, bright, imaginative, healthy, nonsmoking playmate, under 45, for TV role games. Very discreet. Nobody will know but us. Humor helpful! Write: Box 538, 220 Redwood Highway, Mill Valley 94941 or call ★★5741.

Tickle Torture

31 y.o. attractive BM physician is ticklish all over. I'm 5'5", 140 lbs., muscular, safe, sane, clean and discreet. I'm into being tied up very tight and tickle tortured, with prolonged teasing. I'm very experienced and have lots of submissive energy. Looking for female (straight or bi), lesbian, TV/TS, any race or age. PO Box 170691, SF 94117 or call ★★5742.

Attractive TS

Working for possible ongoing, strong, long-term friendship/companionship with WM, slim, hairy, 37-47, who likes a lot of drinking cocktails for two, along with a lot of kissing, 69, and a bottom, outings, movies, dancing. SF area. Call ★★5743.

TSs Who Are Career Writers

FTM TS Latino writer (prose/poetry) would like to network with serious—I repeat, serious—TS writers. If you're fed up with the disrespect from the arts/literary community as well as the lesbian/gay community, then contact me. Guaranteed respect for TSs in the closet and those out of the closet. FTMs of color especially welcomed! Call ★★5744.

NEW!

MESSAGES

Just Rewards 3/13/93

Your smile is awesome. You: short dark hair, about 5'3" and incredibly attractive. You were with a friend that had a headband on and were standing by our table. Me: short blonde hair, thin, wearing a black jacket and jeans. Was having a great time dancing w/a friend. Wished I would have asked you to dance. Interested in something light? Bike ride, movie, dinner or whatever? Plz... connect. Reply BT Box AP700B.

48, Came From Big Apple

Summer of '91, we met at Show Palace, then we went to a restaurant across from Bloomingdale's. We walked up 3rd Ave. to Trump Palace, turned to 2nd Ave. I told you I'm from Shanghai and you told me you worked for Pan Am, had a master's degree and lived in Queens. Now you should be 48 and I'm in California. If you are here, give me a call. Call ★★5790.

Your Ass Is Mine... Angel

Holding you tight against my body I tease you with my mouth and eyes. Slowly lifting your robe, exposing your soft white ass. Starting softly, teasing, rubbing, patting, working you more, you moan my name in ecstasy. My slaps get harder, wilder, as you plead, "Mercy, Daddy, mercy!" Closing my eyes, feeling the power of our love, trust and passion, realizing the blessing of your love. —Daddy. Reply BT Box AP701B or call ★★5791.

To: Chinese Bun

From: 100 percent beefcake. Hi, B. on Army Street. Misplaced your phone #. Please call my voice mailbox and leave it. Talk to you later. Call ★★5792.

MEN

Middle-Aged Beefcake

Seeks trim partner to date, share good times with, and whatever uninhibited else develops over time. I'm WM, 5'10", 200#, good husky football player type build, 46, medium hairy, cleanshaven, hung, uncut, HIV-. I'm intelligent, professional, financially responsible, reasonably attractive and non-neurotic, independent, nonsmoker, no drugs. No Greek. Have many interests. PO Box 1177, Palo Alto 94302.

Seeking Dominant Short Man

GWM, 38, 185 lbs., 5'11", dark blond, good-looking, athletic, nice body, relationship-oriented. Seeks good-looking, confident, dominant, verbal, shorter man. Turn-ons also include macho role-playing, kinky body worship and shared emotional intimacy. Call ★★5810.

Horny Dudes In Santa Rosa

Need active HIV- cocksucker on regular basis. Both HIV-. Avail. 4/17/93 thru Dec. '93. We are clean, cut and horny. Let's nude sunbathe, hot tub, hot safe fun, all summer and more. Age, looks not as important as eagerness & technique! Write: Dudes, Box 282, Fulton 95439 or call ★★5811.

Intelligence Is Sexy

I am a warm, spirited, well-educated, physically fit, attractive WM, 36, HIV-. I am good-natured, fun-loving, happy, sensitive & sensual. I'm looking for another HIV- man with whom to share massage, to share life's ups and downs, to learn, to grow, to challenge, to communicate & to laugh. Call ★★5812.

This Paradise Is Well Worth The Drive!

Very good-looking, honest, playful, relationship-oriented, optimistic, emotionally open, financially secure, communicative, creative, fit, HIV-, affectionate, romantic, into personal and spiritual growth, my gorgeous home, travel and massage. Want to meet similar GWM to love and make dreams come true. My arms and hands can soothe and melt your day away and make you purrr... Please write descriptive letter with picture to your. Destiny, PO Box 3508, Santa Cruz 95063-3508.

Spiritual And Sexy

In-shape, young-acting, 52 y.o. GWM, NS, ND, no drugs, HIV-, seeks long-term relationship. You: honest, caring, flexible, patient. Weight in proportion to height. HIV-. We are both cuddly, compatible, comfortable. Let's explore fantasies together. Write PO Box 31854, SF 94131 or call ★★5813.

Quiet Evenings By The Fire

BGM, 49 y.o., HIV-, 135 lbs., 5'9½", professional, financially stable, mature, looking for BGM/AM/LM, with similar qualities, for dates to movies, dining out, short trips out of town, cultural events, and quiet evenings at home by the fire. No drugs, alcohol or cigarettes. Letter and photo exchanged/returned. Reply BT Box AP70B or call ★★5814.

Great Catch For GAM

GWM, 33, 6'2", 180 lbs., European born, now living in SF, intelligent, attractive, clean-cut, blue eyes, blond hair, healthy, HIV-, many interests (art, photography, music, multi-cultural things, love cafes). I am sincere but also very playful and youthful. If you are a young, slim, tall Asian (or Asian-American, Eurasian, Amerasian) and if you are also educated, good-looking, kind, honest, then—catch me! Reply BT Box AP71B or call ★★5815.

South Bay Bodybuilder

6'2", 220#, 25 yrs., HIV-, GWM bodybuilder with short, curly brown hair, moustache and beard wants to meet another bodybuilder and try to build something that will last. Call ★★5816.

Partner—Sonoma County

For 52-yr-old GWM, HIV-. You are likely over 45, a GM who is also intelligent, kind & loving, affectionate & available, with a sense of fun & humor. You also sincerely want a committed, monogamous, equal partnership & to continue growing & learning, to share ideas, conversation, time, to give & receive & to build a great & magical life together. I hope you will enjoy theater, cars, travel, gardening, adventures & metaphysics. Please write to BT Box AP72B.

Fun And Games

Easygoing GWM, 36, 6'2", 190#, brown hair, cleanshaven, good-looking, HIV-, well-educated, East Bay programmer seeks similar nonsmoking GWM/GAM, 25-40, with a good sense of humor, for fun and games, including music, dinner, movies, dancing, hiking, biking, card games and travel. Looking for friendship and maybe more. Call ★★5817.

Masculine Guys

GWM, 46, 5'9", 185#, looking for a masculine, preferably hirsute guy. New to The City, I want someone to share new experiences with. Interested in culture, politics, etc. A European would be great. Call ★★5818.

Looking To Meet Asians

Attractive, 40s, and fit, South Bay, GWM, 5'10", 155 lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, looking to meet younger GAM, 25-40. I'm young-looking, straight-looking, college educated, with a professional career. I'm honest and sincere and value that in others. I want to develop a friendship first and hopefully a long-term monogamous relationship. Call ★★5819.

Tired Of The Bar Scene

Me: Extremely good-looking (so I've been told), 5'8", 150 lbs., great muscular physique (work out six days a week), 32 (look mid-20s), mixed background (look Italian), healthy HIV+. Into healthy lifestyle, meaning: no drugs, cigs, pot, alcohol & pretty much vegetarian diet. Spiritually into metaphysics. You should be similar to the above description, easygoing, and open to a monogamous friendship/relationship. Some interests: travel, cooking, staying home, animals, global awareness, justice, people's rights, honesty, truth, love and on and on. Please send photo & letter (photos returned on request). Reply BT Box AP73B.

Asian Fantasies

WM, late 40s, 5'6", 160 lbs., seeks Asian into muscle/strength showoff or domination scenes. You like pumping up, oil, mirrors, flexing, having your muscles worshipped. You have me feel your strength as you win in arm wrestling. Or maybe you're an Asian master needing a slave to service you from feet to armpits. Also seeking big Asian cocks. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★5820.

Double Mint Classified

Small-grain high-quality Asian looking for two separate situations: (1) Smooth/slim Asian (or ?) between 25-35. We have a positive outlook, like learning, exploring and "being there" for each other. Stability a must. Good-natured and compassion for others desirable. (2) Safe-sex bondage buddy who enjoys the thrill of being restrained. Respond: H.O., 350 7th Ave., Box 75, SF 94118.

Friend, Date, Partner?

Attractive, masculine, intelligent, secure, 46 y.o. GWM looking for early evening encounters—in and out of the sack. I am 5'11", 155 lbs., HIV-, healthy, in-shape, with a good heart and an open mind, looking for other lean guys my own age or younger who are affectionate, responsible, and articulate, who are also looking for support, companionship and physical intimacy. If you have something special to offer, reply BT Box AP74B or call ★★5821.

Wanna Be Tied Up?

I'm looking for men like you who relish the idea of being bound with ropes, restrained with cuffs, or spread-eagled while tactile sensations deluge your entire body as you strain against the bonds that hold you and your rock-hard cock. I'm talking hours, not minutes, of heightened sexual energy to be released in a totally safe environment. Safe sex only and absolutely no drugs. First timers OK, but only the seriously interested should reply. Let's see if our fantasies can coexist. Reply BT Box AP75B.

A Regular Guy

This is about a regular guy who is of Asian descent, 5'11", 175#, 36, that recently decided he should get serious about getting to know the other side of himself. He has always known that since he was a child, there was another side of him that existed and he pretty much ignored it and chose to lead a straight life. But now, he's ready to pursue his inner feelings and live his life to his fullest potential by meeting a bi/gay Asian who's like me, "a regular type of guy" who can be his equal, friend and lover. This ideal type of person is around 6' (give or take a few), weight/height proportionate, 26-36, mature, straight-acting, honest, sensitive, affectionate, emotionally stable, outgoing, considerate, funny, witty, not caught up in worldly possessions, healthy, HIV-, and NS. He should also enjoy the outdoors, dining out, home-cooked meals, flicks, and other simple pleasures of life because he is "a regular guy," like me. Call ★★5822.

Bondage Boys Looking For A Third

Two newcomers to bondage (one top, one bottom; both late 30s) looking for another bottom to have some fun. Tight binds and light S/M get our blood flowing. Reply BT Box AP76B.

Smoking

Exhibitionist and voyeur seeks same. Always hot and horny for the camera. Likewise you. My preferences are: facial hair (especially beards); weight proportional to height; 35+ years old; average equipment size and your basic average looks (looking for real guys, not pretty boys). You must be a smoker. I'm into all the usual activity (HIV-) and can do kink. Please no drugs, body-builders, hung like a horse, heavy drinkers or S&M. Reply BT Box AP77B or call ★★5823.

Good Times, Relaxing Times

Relationship-oriented, masculine, active, healthy guy. In-shape with good body, HIV-, outdoors, sports and music interests, good conversation, quiet cuddling, sincere, discreet, honest WM, 5'7", mature but youthful 48. Seeking compatible, similar or smaller sized guy, 22-44, intelligent, fun, Asian, Hispanic, or white. Box 783, Orinda 94563 or call ★★5824.

You: Be You. I: And I

Earthy, intense, mystical, sensitive, romantic, established East Bay WM, HIV-, hairy bear, loner, ex-BB, 41, 6', 225±, seeks dark, beefy, muscular, deep, intelligent, heartful soul. Must be high-minded and muscular. Equality and long-term commitment desired. Cowabunga! Reply BT Box AP78B or call ★★5825.

I Need And Want

To meet someone for a passionate, sharing, caring and growing together relationship. To me it entails: friendship, love, romance and the importance of listening to each other with acceptance. Or at the least open-minded understanding for who we are. A willingness to work at a relationship. I am a GWM 42-yr-old, who looks much younger. Very attractive, muscular/masculine. I am 5'5", 140 lbs., brown eyes and brown hair (what remains). Hardworking type of guy. My HIV status is positive. I prefer someone with the same status. My interests are movies, politics, going to the gym, some sports, comedy acts, theater, dining out, making desserts, hiking and you. Most of all I would enjoy relaxing, quiet evenings, being intimate with each other, having fun exploring our sexuality. What I need from another man is a warm personality, who shows affection. Someone who is not afraid to ask for what he needs. I would like to meet an attractive, masculine guy with a gym-toned body. A person who is taller than myself. Being independent yet dependent, a companion. Cuddling is essential, spirituality a plus. As for safe sex, I am versatile but like an aggressive partner. You must be a nonsmoker and do not like going to bars. Your photo will get mine. Reply BT Box AP79B or call ★★5826.

Nice Catch For Lucky Asian

Attractive, hunky, moustached, HIV-, GWM, 47, dark grayish hair, interested in the arts, seeking shy, sincere, open-minded AM in his 30s or 40s, who enjoys the simple things in life and very much needs to meet someone like me. Reply BT Box AP81B or call ★★5828.

Spring Fever

GWM, 37, 5'8", 150, NS, HIV-, in East Bay, looking for soulmate. I'm a caring, honest, loving physician interested in developing the spiritual nature within. I'm looking for a GAM or GWM, 25-40, who is intelligent, moral, educated and grounded; who enjoys sharing, loving and growing. Mutual interests include dining out, movies, intimate conversation, working out, bargain hunting. Reply BT Box AP83B or call ★★5830.

You're 18-22 And Spiritual

I'm a wealthy GWM on my own unique spiritual path. I'm 35, vegetarian, good-looking, 165 lbs., 6', blond, blue eyes. I want a LTR with a younger brother. I'll relocate for the right person. You're HIV-, optimistic, slender, have a good sense of humor, like to get high and want the comfort and security of a relationship with an older brother. I also own a ranch near Yosemite. Let's meet. Call ★★5831.

Asian

You: Asian, intelligent, good-looking, 20s, looking for love and maybe support for studying. Me: English, well-educated, friendly, fairly entertaining, 46, tall, OK-looking, HIV-, loyal. Call ★★5832.

Older Friend Wanted

GAM, 5'8", 160 lbs., honest, sincere, affectionate, cute, athletic, professional seeks a 35-53 GM for a discreet friendship, maybe more depending on our chemistry. I like dancing, shopping, as well as driving in the mountains and spending quality time with a special person. If you are smoke- and drug-free, HIV-, warm, romantic, attractive, cultural, educated, professional, please write with a returnable photo if possible. South Bay only. Reply BT Box AP84B or call ★★5833.

Cute College Student

21 y.o. college student majoring in sports has real good, hard body! I'm 6'2", 200 lbs., blond hair & blue eyes & I'm looking for LTR with man who is 18-35 and enjoys sports, sand, sun, sea & ?? Go on, reply. What have you got to lose? Call ★★5834.

If You Are Serious

about forming a monogamous life partnership/best friend, read on. I'm looking for someone who has the time to invest (no multiple memberships, friendships or heavily scheduled lifestyles) and the capacity for love, generosity and caring. GWM, 45, 5'11", 160, brn eyes, brn-gray hair/bldg, masc., very hairy, healthy, cleanshaven, well-groomed, stable, adventurous, pleasant personality. Enjoy country music, travel, the outdoors, movies, reading and hobbies. We share: good values, no addictions, height/weight proportional, good sense of humor, calm/unpretentious personality and a quiet lifestyle. Please include return address with your response to JN, PO Box 4654, Foster City 94404.

Handsome Wheelchair Rider

Mellow, 38, GWM, 6'4", blue-eyed, 190 lbs., human services professional, looking for similar men for romantic dates. Race not important. Into old movies, music, candlelight, rainy days at home, accessibility (that's supposed to be a joke), wine, cooking, humor and the dreaded gay "C" word: commitment. I love learning about other people and what they enjoy. Not into crowded bars, drugs or smoking. Sports bore me but I enjoy looking at jocks. Ads don't do justice, so if you're interested in a "quality guy" respond with a photo and a letter and I'll do the same. Reply BT Box AP85B or call ★★5835.

Slim, Nonsmoking, HIV- GWM

With moustache, seeks similar! Me: health-conscious, 6', 148#, 40s, San Francisco resident, with dark hair & moustache. Good sense of humor & love of travel are pluses! Hope to hear from you! Reply BT Box AP86B or call ★★5836.

Minivan Heaven

Yes, I live in the suburbs (East Bay), own a minivan (for my bikes and kids), have a house (with a big yard), but I'm a card-carrying, rainbow-flag-flying homosexual (not a radical activist). I'm tall, trim, very athletic, well-rounded, confident, good-looking, successful and single. If you like a well-adjusted man who is normal in every way (well, almost) come find out what life is like in the sunny suburbs. Call ★★5837.

Lust, Companionship, More

42-year-old busy professional, 5'8", 160 lbs., Mid-east origin, looking for slim, stable and sexy Asian or Latin for romance and perhaps to build a relationship with. HIV-. Picture returned. PO Box 31834, SF 94131 or call ★★5838.

New Friends/Playmates

Nice, funny, reasonably intelligent, 20ish, attractive guy seeks the same. We are adventurous and love all the nice things to do. Ideally, you are able to appreciate serious concerts not like "Sunday Classicals." Relationship is possible but nothing unrealistic. Call ★★5839.

From My Town To Your Town!

25, 5'5", 145#, good-looking, honest, sincere and concerned GAM. First time looking for love in your town. Hope to devote all my qualities to someone who keeps all his heart for me and shows me that he cares. He should be under 30, GWM, straight-acting, good-looking and thoughtful a must. This is my town. PO Box 51874, San Jose 95151 or call ★★5840. Thanks.

Passionate Artist

36, HIV+, seeks loving relationship with tender man who isn't afraid to experience life with all its intensity. Reply BT Box AP87B or call ★★5841.

Make Love Happen

AM, early 20s, 5'6", 140 lbs., mature, caring and down-to-earth. Looking for WM, 20-30, for exploring life's adventures "together." Interests: Mozart to Madonna, ethnic food, nature, fun, live theater and political awareness. No druggies, jerks or flakes. Will respond to all replies. Reply BT Box AP88B or call ★★5842.

Hairy Guy

Seeks hairless guy for lengthy interactions in bed, over dinner, at the beach and/or elsewhere. I'm 5'8", 145, HIV+, s/p, blue, handsome, fit, healthy, great smile, sensitive, kind, optimistic, intelligent, spiritual, romantic, ready for new adventures and missing someone to hold and be held by. I won't disappoint you. Reply/photo to: BT Box AP89B.

Let's Get Naked

Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 34 y.o., 5'8", 140#, dark blond hair, grn eyes, cleanshaven, hairy, trim body, seeks handsome, muscular, independent topman for friends and fun. Reply w/photo (returned) Box 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★5843.

A Great Roommate, But...

He's looking for something I can't give him as a friend. He's one of the kindest people I know and would do anything for his family and friends. He keeps in great shape by weightlifting and swimming and working hard at whatever he is doing. He loves computers, dogs, Marin, dancing (slow and country-western), beaches, kids (he'd love to adopt or have his own someday) and life in general. The stats: he's 33, 5'11", 165 lbs., HIV-, NS/ND, brn/hzl, cleanshaven all-American good-looking, financial district type with MBA. He's seeking the same in a man, but taller, long-term relationship, financially secure (as he is), intelligent and (so he says) well-built in all the right places. Take a chance with him, he's worth it even if I do eventually lose him as a roommate. P.S., he's a sucker for Oreos and laughing eyes. Please send a recent picture and honest reply to BT Box AP90B or call ★★5844.

Teddy Bear Dad Seeks Bottom Son

Love caught us by surprise. It changed our lonely lives. We may be frightened, but hold my hand as we explore the Power of Love. Me: lonely, honest, shy, sincere, attractive, GWM, 43, 6'5", 280 lbs., top. You: attractive, GWM, 21-35, slim, bottom. Interests include: music, concerts, cabaret, plays. Looking for affectionate individuals who want more than a one-night stand. Call ★★5845.

Remember The Time

When sex was hot and never-ending! Let's relive that era with wild, erotic times in bed using our bodies to achieve total satisfaction, safely of course, and pleasing each other to no end. Call ★★5846 or write PO Box 1206, Capitola 95010.

Serious Monogamous Relationship

Good-looking GWM, 6 ft., 175, dark hair, blue eyes, top, seeks good-looking, hairy, bottom, GWM, 21-35, that is serious about building a committed relationship. Serious only please. Take a chance and let's go from there. Call ★★5847.

Looking For Someone Special?

Isn't everyone? I'm not a hot city boy—more like a mature guy with ample sophistication, wit and charm. I'm fit, good-looking and high energied. Enjoy theater, films, travel and good sex. If you're somewhat similar (35-55), honest with yourself and others, have a positive view of life and fun to be with—check me out. We might just click! Call ★★5848.

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Expert Service For Hairy Men

Me: good-looking GWM, 5'10", 160 lbs., blnd/blue, lightly hairy. You: G/S/BiM, 25-50, in-shape or stocky, hairy, especially arms, pits, chest, stomach. From plain vanilla to hardcore; cocksucker, ass-eater, boot and body licker. Real hot mouth, deep throat. For one-on-one, group, party, short or long-term. Satisfaction guaranteed. Call ★★5850.

Spellbound

Fr./Ital., 6', 175, relaxing and drifting off to Hillsboro where I start my new job soon—a career change at 36 from make-up artist to "butler." Waking up in my romantic cottage in the woods will be even better with a wonderful, cute boyfriend squeezing my big morning boner and telling me he loves my handsome smile, cute chest and sexy legs. HIV, it brings good things to "Life." Reply BT Box AP92B or call ★★5851.

No M.S.G.

No misrepresentations, superficiality or games. Nothing artificial added. Just natural, wholesome goodness. However, this does not mean I am simple, plain or boring. I'm a very attractive, young professional, 29, 145 lbs., with a smooth, gym-toned physique. I'm a pragmatic idealist, hopelessly romantic, with varied interests. I'm not big on the bar/club scene. I'm seeking attractive, educated men under 33 for friendship and possibly more. Reply BT Box AP93B or call ★★5852.

Nude Photo Exchange

Collector of erotic home photos seeks to exchange photos of myself and friends for your hot photos. I'm attractive GWM, 30, with a hot bod and really "Big" penis. If you enjoy showing off your assets as much as I do, call or send your photos to my reply box. All letters and photos will receive very generous reciprocation—I've lots of pictures. Reply BT Box AP94B or call ★★5853.

Not For Everyone

Exec. GWM, fit, handsome, 5'11", 185, affectionate, HIV-, NS, masc., independent, N/G-stream has time for work, you, a few good friends. You: 35+, handsome, HIV-, together, masc., relaxed attitude, healthy, looking and able to commit to a 1-on-1 relationship. These things don't happen in a day. Call, let's talk. Call ★★5854.

Large Belly?

Do you have a large, round belly that sticks way out over your jeans? If so, and you are a GWM between the ages of 25-45, then this handsome, 33-year-old GWM, who is 6'2", 180 lbs., with brown hair/beard and sexy blue eyes, wants to hear from you now! Call ★★5855.

Seeking Friend And/Or Sex Partner

Are you 35-45, NS, HIV-, muscular or in good shape? I'm a good-looking GWM, 6'1", 185, br/bl, moustache, work out regularly. My interests include movies, romance and safe sex but not necessarily in that order. Interested? Let's get together and see what develops. Call ★★5856.

I Want A Man's Man

Am 6'1", 190 hard #s, with a preference for muscular, masculine, tall, dark, very handsome hunks. Bottom/versatile for a hunk who is top/versatile—a confident, real man (I'm one). We both seek the pleasure that results from intimacy with another man. I can guarantee that feeling for the right tall, dark, muscular, handsome, virile man. Discreet OK. Reply w/photo BT Box AP95B or call ★★5857.

Friend/Lover In SF

GWM, 54, healthy, HIV-, Stocky, clean-cut, stable, nonsmoker, light drinker, no drugs. Tired of being alone. Looking to share the good things in life, fun times and gentle loving with a masculine guy, mid-40s to mid-50s, who is secure and has a quiet sense of humor & lives in SF. Reply BT Box AP96B or call ★★5858.

East Bay Ritualistic Phallic Worship

Midnight witching hour is the right time for uninhibited mutual exhibitionism/voyeurism, jerk off, dirty talk—loud & nasty, chanting & repetition with masculine, aggressive guy while drinking, smoking, indulging (share costs 50/50) at my place. Age, looks unimportant. Seeking guys into the above only—nothing more, nothing less. Don't read more into it than the ad states. Inexperienced OK, but desire to try it must be sincere, not silly curiosity! Call ★★5859.

Bored

GWM, 6'3", 160, br/br, moustache, attractive, 42, for what it's worth, friends say I don't look or act it. In my free time I'm outdoors as much as possible, day hikes, driving, etc. I enjoy movies, music, reading, going out, working out and the list goes on. I'm a regular, independent-minded kind of guy, who's a good, up front and honest friend. So, get off your butt and call, if you don't like what you hear and/or possibly see, just say so, otherwise we may both be missing out. Requirements, similar to the above, but call, I'm still thinking. Call ★★5860.

In For The Long Haul

East Bay, 40, GWM, Jewish, 6', 175#, salt and pepper, moustache, beard, green eyes, handsome, healthy, HIV-, masculine, energetic, educated professional, financially stable, relationship-oriented, romantic, funny, into arts, music, travel, nature, seeking a man to share good times with, similar interests, sex and possibly a relationship. If you are 30-50, mature, preferably top but definitely versatile, independent, in-shape, nonsmoker, non-drug/alcohol abuser, reply BT Box AP97B or call ★★5861.

HIV+ Latin Top Needed

Prefer Capricorn, Virgo or Scorpio; moustache, husky or chunky, tattoos, uncut, mota are a+ with me. I'm a 31-yr-old white boy, left, brown hair, blue eyes, hairy chest and legs, 185 lbs. of cuddlemonster. Call ★★5862.

From Malibu To SF Law

Old surfers never die; they flourish in SF. This former Malibu man, 38, strawberry blond with very blue eyes seeks loving GWM for lifepartner. You are 40-55, hairy, cut, nonsmoker, and have room in your heart and home for a devoted lover. Like me, you are HIV-, live alone, own a car, and have achieved many of your professional goals. I'm romantic, very funny, kind, spiritual and enjoy classic cars, movies, theater, music, leather, uniforms and writing books. I'm a smooth Scandinavian weightlifter, 5'10", 176. Sexually, I'm mostly oral and also enjoy kissing, cuddling, verbalization and fantasy. Let's create a happy home filled with caring love, respect, great sex and laughter. Write PO Box 2016, SF 94126 or call ★★5863.

Old Cadillacs

WM, 37, 6 ft., brn/graying hair, looking for WMs, 21-33, cleanshaven (moustaches OK). Looking for guys who like old Cadillacs. I am an affectionate top looking for sex partners and maybe dating. I also like to go to car shows. Call ★★5864.

Alex Karras (From "Webster"), Larry Csonka ("American Gladiators")

And Cliff Claven ("Cheers") are the kind of men this versatile, gifted, 40-year-old, East Bay Black man dreams about (they are masculine, mature and moustached). I have a private, safe residence, several unique talents for the right man and deep appreciation for mutual honesty and lasting friendship. K.R., PO Box 7441, Oakland 94601 or call ★★5865.

Go Eck, Mac, Bord!

A's fan, 52, bear, 5'10", 205, gray beard (R.E. Lee Model), br/br, HIV-, nonsmoking, very light drinking, seeks good-humored, articulate, masculine companion for at least an afternoon in the sun. Other non-work interests: laughter, music, theater, travel. Reply BT Box AP98B or call ★★5866.

Leather Fetish Sex

Sexually versatile, HIV-, GWM seeks HIV- partner who enjoys doing it in leather: bareassed penetration in chaps, bumping and grinding in leather jocks, bondage in full leather, dominance and submission in hoods, mug muzzling gloves, in-your-face codpieces, tall boots, skintight gear—leather! I'm handsome, 40, 5'10", 155#, with a nice build, a great personality, and a playful and intense sexual imagination. Reply BT Box AP99B or call ★★5867.

Bodybuilder Seeks Other Bodybuilders

Handsome BiWM, 27, 6', 225 lbs., bl/bl, serious, competitive bodybuilder (50" chest, 20" arms, 30" waist), masculine, seeks similar bodybuilder for mutual bodyworship, wrestling and other physical activities. I am especially attracted to Asian/Latins, but will answer all who meet the above criteria. Please send physique photo with your statistics & you will receive the same. You won't be disappointed. Reply BT Box AP100B or call ★★5868.

Paradox Seeks Dialectic

Stats: Cerebral and clueless, witty and naive, coarse, then an attention-starved baby, playful and moody, humorous and somber, self-assured and a mess, masculine and feminine. Tom and Jerry. Sybil? Or a handsome 25-year-old, 5'11", br/gr, 185#, prince of ambiguity? Wants: a man under 33 that has some idea what to do after the initial mutual attraction without losing his head or his courage. Likes: hair on head, contagious smile, nice grip, strong lips, ticklish, absorbed in me. Musts: must like Gummi bears, endless talk, fires, dull nights at home, dreaming, doing, while being comfortable in the ambiguity of the Cosmos. Call ★★5869.

Horny, Adventurous, BiWM, 33, 6'1"

Attractive, trim, sane, seeks similar married or single BiWM for hot times. I like Nordic blue to Mediterranean madness. Are you craving a regular guy for discreet, passionate sex? Need to satisfy your "other" side? Call and let's talk. Foreign, polyglot, Virgo, moustache, real tall a plus. But not required. Be honest? Bold, and have a sense of humor. East Bay preferred. Call ★★5870.

Handsome, witty, BiWM, 30s, HIV-, top, seeks understanding, sincere M for long-term relationship. You should be happy, stable, free of any STDs, and not too hairy. Sense of humor and love of music also appreciated. Call ★★5871.

Middle-Aged Man

Looking to meet middle-aged men who may be HIV+; who are fit; who have interest in the arts; who enjoy travel to exotic places; who know or would like to learn bridge; who are considerate and compassionate toward their fellow man; and who enjoy conversation over a good dinner. Qualities of lightheartedness a plus. Reply BT Box AP101B or call ★★5872.

A Special Friend

I want to connect with another man to form a quality friendship to share with him our mutual times together, life's ups and downs, hopes and dreams, sensual/sexually safe man-to-man lovemaking, and secure our future on good communication, honest, physical and heartfelt closeness, and a sense of the humorous. I'm GWM, East Bay, good-looking, suntanned, trim, 5'10", bearded, blue-eyed, moderately hairy, 40s chronologically, but 30s looking, and comfortable in barefeet/cutoffs or loafers/jacket/tie. No alcohol/drugs a plus. Reply BT Box AP102B or call ★★5873.

Peninsula Area

39, GAM, digs daytime sex. Husky at 210 but not fat, likes giving guys free head with no reciprocation. Like hairy guys, but not necessarily. Have lips with car, will travel to you. Write: R., PO Box 50861, Palo Alto 94303 or call ★★5874.

Me, no fluff, attitude or pretense. 53, negative, healthy and self-employed. A good sense of humor, common sense and a healthy respect for nature and fellow man. NS, mod. drink. Enjoy simple meals (in or out). Enjoy kickback, easygoing, lived-in creature comforts (better late Salvation Army than Louis XIV). I plan ahead but remain flexible. Would definitely be interested in talking joint ownership in a dwelling. Call ★★5875.

Muscle-On-Muscle

Intensely physical GWM, 40 y.o., 5'8", 150 strong, solid lbs., bearded, very hairy, muscular,

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Sonoma County

GWM, 40s, seeks dominant yet gentle topman to spend time with. Teach me to be an oral expert and fantastic bottom. Prefer 45-60, any race. Love muscular and/or heavyset men, any height, but mostly need you to be a sincere, nice guy, looking for a quiet, gentle and true submissive friend. Reply BT Box AP103B.

This Ad Is True

I'm attractive, intelligent and open. Tall, medium build, smooth, gray-blond hair. Love nature and the arts. At home in Levi's or a tux. Seeking a tall, hairy-chested man with medium build who (like me) is HIV- and doesn't drink, smoke or drug. If you live in the North Bay or SF, are comfortable in an honest, monogamous relationship, and love your life, we should talk. Call ★★5877.

GWM, mid-40s, South Bay, fit, attractive, loving, giving, looking for permanent relationship. You should be 25-40, white, Asian or Hispanic, fit, good spirit, loving and sincere. Call ★★5878.

When Hairy Met Hairy

Yours is dark and curly. Mine is fair and soft. We revel in it. Maleness. We're smart, clean, honest, responsible, NS/ND, lean and fit. I'm 5'10", 165#, 40s, manly, sexy body and equipment. Sexually dominant. You're mostly passive, 30s to 50s, probably tall and looking for ongoing (maybe permanent, maybe monogamous) quality intimacy with just one special man. Dining in, videos, massage, soft music and long, unhurried, intense sessions. Safe sex only. Reply BT Box AP104B or call ★★5879.

German Seeks Italian

We're masculine, warm, light drinking, nonsmokers. Self-reliant, heart-centered, self- and other loving. Busy, productive, down-to-earth homebodies. HIV-, disease-free, slim, well-proportioned, well-toned. I'm 5'10", 167#, versatile top, light brown hair, green eyes, moustache, hairy. You probably share my youthful 40s appearance and interests of fitness, outdoors, sports, arts and passionate sexuality. We seek monogamy and know it requires trust, effort and open communication. Talk to me. Reply BT Box AP105B or call ★★5880.

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Complicated, thoughtful, Q/GJM, rd/grn, 28, with wide-ranging interests in arts, literature, computers, music, seeks long-term boyfriend who, like me, has a reasonable body, and is nonsmoking, non-religious, hirsute and HIV-. We can be comfortable talking about Proust, Peewee Herman and/or politics over coffee, in bed, or on the beach. I appreciate ambition, commitment, sensitivity, romance, physical contact and humor (about the world, about one's self). Drop a line or a note and we'll see what we can develop. Reply BT Box AP106B or call ★★5881.

Masculine Italian

6'2", dark hair & eyes, husky build, 40s, moustache & hairy chest. Happy & healthy HIV+. Considered good-looking & fun-loving. Smoker & light drinker. Down-to-earth. Independent & successful. Am attracted to good-looking, slim, masculine, easygoing guys, who are happy, tolerant, sincere, versatile & possibly romantic. Some of my interests include traveling, carpentry, movies, music, dining out, reading, socializing, gardening & new adventures. Call ★★5882.

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SWM, 34, bi curious, seeking dominant womyn or couple to serve as houseboy, cook, masseur, errants, slut or toy; for your pleasure or amusement. True masochist and slave enjoys all aspects of surrendering control to you. Use me in any way you desire, my limits are offered to you to push & expand. Orders obeyed immediately. PO Box 11330, Oakland 94611 or call ★★5883.

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With similar daddy masters centered on dominance & submission (D/s), not just surfing for compatible boy slaves. Laidback master dominates submissives using rules, directives, orders, erotic talk, tireless cockfeeding. 49, HIV-, 5'10", 200 lbs., blue eyes, black/silver hair/beard, smoker, sober, clean & serene in AA. I'm necessarily into domination & submission (D/s), but not necessarily into sadomasochism—a critical distinction which I differentiate between. Call ★★5884.

Blue Collar Stud In The City

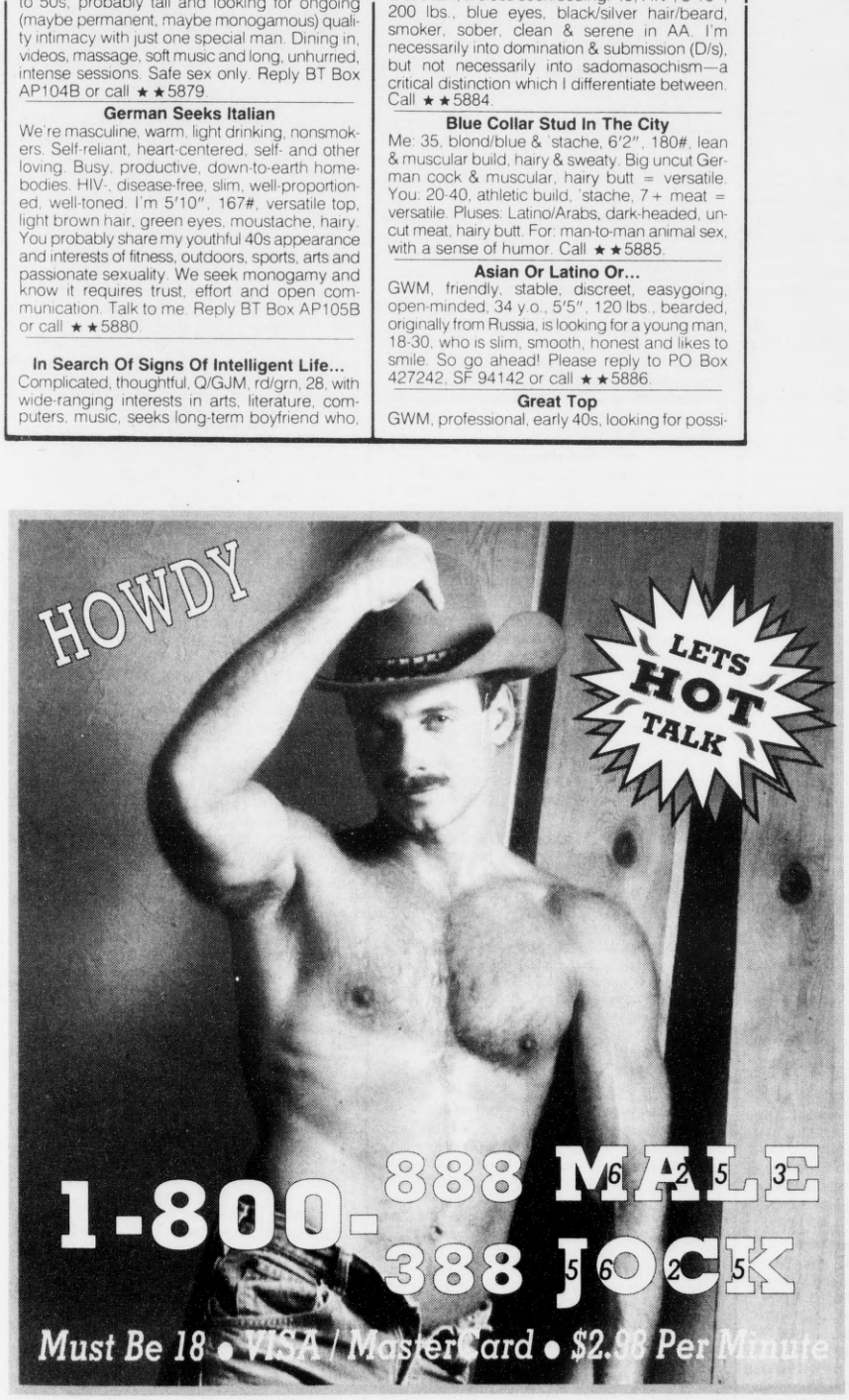
Me: 35, blond/blue & 'stache, 6'2", 180#, lean & muscular build, hairy & sweaty. Big uncut German cock & muscular, hairy butt = versatile. You: 20-40, athletic build, 'stache, 7+ meat = versatile. Pluses: Latino/Arabs, dark-headed, uncut meat, hairy butt. For: man-to-man animal sex, with a sense of humor. Call ★★5885.

Asian Or Latino Or...

GWM, friendly, stable, discreet, easygoing, open-minded, 34 y.o., 5'5", 120 lbs., bearded, originally from Russia, is looking for a young man, 18-30, who is slim, smooth, honest and likes to smile. So go ahead! Please reply to PO Box 427242, SF 94142 or call ★★5886.

Great Top

GWM, professional, early 40s, looking for possi-



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ble relationship with lively bottom. Hairy Italians, Latins a plus. Romantic evenings in front of the fireplace are in the future along with trips to the beach, river, wine country. Enjoy movies and fun times. Give a call if you're interested. Call ★★5887.

If You Like To Watch, Be Watched

Maybe make a video of each other. Me: 39 y.o. short guy, 5'5", in good shape, hairy legs, ass, nice dick. You are any age, healthy, hairy below the waist. Reply: PO Box 640361, SF 94164-0361 or call ★★5888.

Man With Dentures

Wanted by a 47-year-old GWM, 6'2", 228#, not into bars, etc. You/me HIV-. Prefer someone uninvolved that I can see on regular basis. Call ★★5889.

Naked Men

Get attention. Hopefully now I've got yours. If the best time you've had lately is when your neighbor's dog did the wild thing on your leg then this attractive, extremely fit, 6'2" blond has something to offer that won't be as hard on your pants. If you: enjoy outdoor activities (hiking, camping, certain spectator sports) as much as indoor activities (dancing, museums, certain foreign films), don't go from friendship to relationship in 6.9 seconds, don't think 32 is over the hill and are seriously interested in dating within your species, then we may have more to share than horror stories about past dates. I'm looking for an established man of Asian descent that is a stud in the kitchen and a chef in the bedroom. So run, don't walk to your nearest mailbox or phone; this offer won't last long. Reply BT Box AP107B or call ★★5890.

Sexstasy

If you could enjoy my hot mouth, tongue and deep-throat to get your big dick ready to pump my tight ass (not necessary), I'm interested in meeting you for safe encounters of the deep physical kind. You're Caucasian, Arab, Latino (bi, married, no problem), well-endowed, slender or built. I'm attractive, Asian, 30ish, clean-cut/shaven, slim runner's build (29" waist), smooth, HIV-, discreet. Open to 3-ways. Call ★★5891.

It's Almost Summer

Easygoing GWM, 32, 5'11", 160, HIV-, versatile, humorous, friendly. Seeking GLM, GWM, GAM, 25-40, height/weight proportional, HIV-, for sexual friendship. Prefer some similar interests. No drugs. Interests: reading, cycling, dancing, swimming, camping, beaches, movies. Let's have some fun. Call ★★5892.

Guy Pals

Seeking GWM/GAM, 18-35, for friendship, to pal around or form a close relationship with. I am GAM, 5'4", 132 lbs., 28 y.o. I enjoy cooking, foreign films, dancing, working out, hiking, camping. Seeking someone honest and sincere with similar interests. Thank you. Please write Boxholder, PO Box 720332, San Jose 95172 or call ★★5893.

Poe, Jazz, Sacred, Humor, Falcon...

Body and Soul. Passionate Moderate seeking eventual serious Partner or nonsexual friends—Asian/Latin/all races with similar interests. Me: proud nonradical individualism, casual & easy-going lifestyle, music, Sade, Orbison, Vandross, Nat, Twilight Zone, Van Gogh, Kierkegaard, Pascal, Buber, independent Christian, Chaplin, Schulz, the Far Side, Looney Toons, no heavy alcohol/drug dependency, lite videophile, Kirk Cummings, ethnic food, etc. How about you? I'm WM, 30, 5'9", 155#, cleanshaven, fairly "good-looking." Reply to J.S., PO Box 640041, SF 94109-0041 or call ★★5894.

CA, FO, SO, FA

HNL based FA, 29, 6'3", brown/blue, bearded, in Bay Area, looking for CA, FO, SO or FA. It's hard for people who "work" for a living to understand my schedule. I want to meet someone who does and can travel with me. You must have dark hair and moustache or beard, the look I love. Give a call and let's see what takes off. Call ★★5895.

Deaf GWM

40 years young, blue eyes, brown hair, moustache, 6', 140#, masc., HIV-, good-natured, humorous, honest, affectionate, caring, seeks GBM, GLM, GAM, 21-45, nonsmoker, no drugs, honest, masc., fun-loving, for hot times, friendship and maybe more. My interests are movies, cooking, traveling, reading, spectator sports, gym workouts, massage, hiking, chess, bowling and ocean beaches. If interested, send me your letters with phone and photo if possible. Boxholder, PO Box 190223, SF 94119-0223 or call ★★5896.

Bottom Black Man

30-50, HIV-, wanted and needed by a blue-eyed blond man, 6'1", 225#, for fun times in and out of bed. Must enjoy getting your butt pounded and have your eyes open. Sincere only, no B.S. Write C.R., 751 Laurel Ave., #428, San Carlos 94070 or call ★★5897.

Be My Lucky Star

If you want to meet a handsome, 29-yr-old, 6' tall, trim, in-shape, HIV-, ex-military, GAM (Filipino) with a cute smile, then let me hear from you. My lucky star I'm seeking is a GWM who is in-shape, muscular, very attractive, between 24-37 yrs. old, 5'10" or taller. We are both nonsmokers and safe, enjoy great conversation, dinner, movies and maybe dancing. Let's have a good time first, and if the heavens foretell—a possible relationship. Reply BT Box AP108B or call ★★5898.

GAM Seeks GWM

Good-looking, slim GAM with eclectic taste seeks other GWMs for friendship. Enjoy ballet, opera, old classic movies, leather, cycle cop uniforms, C&W dancing, cultural events, street fairs, ethnic restaurants, lively conversations, antiques. Reply BT Box AP109B or call ★★5899.

Hot Boy Wants A Hot Dad

Good-looking 28 y.o. boy, 6'1", 180 lbs., clean-cut, nice big 8" cock, very oral, also loves to fuck. Self-supporting and emotionally centered. Seeks a hot masculine daddy/mentor, stable and secure, to loyally serve in exchange for the discipline, direction and guidance that I need. Interested in a real relationship and long-term friendship, not just play. Call ★★5900.

HIV+ Bottom Looking For Top

Very conservative looking, tall, hard-bodied bottom guy is looking for HIV+ topman who enjoys being serviced. I am 40, 6', 175, big-dicked and I enjoy being F/A and G/P. You should be any ethnicity, 21-55, and exclusively a top. Reply BT Box AP110B or call ★★5901.

Wanted: Crotch Adjuster With Bedroom Eyes

I have not yet found this man that I envision, but I know he is out there, somewhere. Maybe you know him or maybe you are him? He is probably between 5'10"-6'2", 28-38, and 165-195. Extremely handsome, fit and well-developed both mentally and physically. He might be fond of weightlifting, traveling, sports, sex, outdoor activities, music, movies, mountains, horses, forests, dogs, dancing, beaches or aerobics. He has direction, sense of purpose and does his part to make this a better world. All of the above applies to me, too. Oh yeah, I'm HIV+ but healthy otherwise. If title caused you to have to readjust the lay of your crotch, let's talk about it, man! Call ★★5902.

Enthusiasm Required

Very handsome, very muscular, hung, dark type, openly gay but non-ghettoized (and non-spiritual) househusbandly intellectual seeks other conservative appearing but left-leaning affectionate and romantic 30ish environmentalists who are likewise very handsome (not boyish or rugged), hunky, generous (regardless of wealth), passionate about contemporary art, jazz vocals, acoustic music, redwoods, old farmhouses, Moustaches/Italians a plus. Detailed and conscientious reply (with photos): M, PO Box 304, Westport, CA 95488.

Attractive Student's Chance

For great travel and generous support from retired professional writer, etc. East Bay. Love conversation, music (classical), home cooking, cuddling with slender, no beard, NS, ND, HIV-, bright young man. Call ★★5903.

Something More

Very attractive, young-looking, 35 y.o., sand blnd/blue, 6'1", toned & trim, well-endowed, HIV+, spiritual GWM seeks very good-looking (only, please) Latin, Indian, Arab, or other brown-skinned guy, 18-35 y.o., on the smooth, muscular, boyish, preppyish side, masculine yet caring and not flaky, for sex, romance, fun & games and/or something more. Prefer nonsmoker/non-drugger. Send photo/letter. Reply BT Box AP111B or call ★★5904.

One Last Time

GWM, 50, fit, masculine, slim, HIV-, would like to meet similar guy for weekend activities in and about the City. Open to most fun activities: dinners, shows, movies, massage. Let's talk and see if we have enough in common to meet. Summer's coming. Let's spend it together. It might be real good. Call ★★5905.

Trust Fund Too?

Yeah! (What a social stigma...) Is it better to date guys in similar shoes? That's what this ad's about. Me: 30, 6'3", long hair, very good-looking, immune healthy, cleanshaven, lean, exercised. You: 27-35, practiced with emotional processing, lean, immune healthy, Taurus? (I'm Scorpio rising.) Call ★★5906.

Smile! You're On...

Videotape. Indulge your wildest fantasies. You provide and keep the tape. I'll donate my skills—amateur but talented—and record your performance on video: solo, with partners, at sex parties, etc. You're the star! Reply BT Box AP112B or call ★★5907.

Hirsute Or Very Hairy?

Qualifying intelligent men into quality times, mutual body worship, J/O, touching and oral sex are welcum! If you enjoy another natural, hairy, balding, masculine, well-hung, uncut, 44, 5'8", 160 lbs., dark Italian, HIV-, into good/safe times, honesty, friendship, sharing interests and my place at the river, then send a picture & note to: PO Box 2554, Guerneville 95446-2554 or call ★★5908. We may have the right chemistry. Pen pals OK.

I Want

To meet new friends, to try new adventures or do the same stuff with someone new. Have someone to love, pamper and share or a regular sex buddy to mess around. Down-to-earth and unconventional, this 24 y.o. GAM is attracted to clean-cut, cleanshaven young men. So, do you know what you want? Reply BT Box AP113B or call ★★5909.

Let's Get Serious

I'm serious about meeting men. Not ready to jump into bed on the first date. Me: 6', 250 lbs., GBM, love hiking, biking and all of outdoors. Indoors I like cooking fancy meals, old movies, classical and jazz concerts. Not looking for one-night stand or barflies, but a longtime companion that likes doing things together and sharing each other's thoughts. Race doesn't matter. Inner quality is more important. Drinkers, smokers & drug users need not apply. If you're serious, write to PO Box 5441, Oakland 94605 or call ★★5910.

Black And White

Uniquely attractive, college-educated, young Black male, 30 y.o., 150 lbs. and 5'10" tall. Love to spend quiet evenings in the kitchen cooking and then relaxing and having fun with the one I love. I'm fun-loving, yet sensitive, silly at times, but charming and full of smiles. Let me be the light of your eyes. I believe in the power of love. Patiently waiting for you. Reply BT Box AP114B.

Black Daddy

Top, 6 ft., 190 lbs., 46-yr-old, into white and Latin pig bottoms, 35 and up, moustache and beards a+. Let's connect for hot encounters, condoms, tit-play, aroma, video, massage, music. Photo a must, will be returned. Write to A.L., 1230 Market St., Box 615, SF 94102.

Asian/Latino Cocks

Needing very dedicated oral servicing will get the attention of my warm, eager mouth! No reciprocation expected, just really great head from an attractive, fit & healthy, 48 y.o. WM. You should be willing to strip, kick back & tell me how you want it. I'll take good care of things & maybe bring you off twice. I'm really good & you should try me! Call ★★5911.

Environmental Man Sought

GWM, handsome, 29, 6', 155, br/bl, HIV-, seeks outdoor enthusiast type boyfriend to enjoy hiking, cycling, exploring the coast (camping, flying?) and being together. You're rugged, nonsmoking, late 20s-35, tall(ish), dark-haired, definitely hairy (chest, forearms, etc.), perhaps have a full, thick, trimmed beard (!) and weight proportionate to height. I'm mostly smooth (great hairy legs) with a lean, defined build. You're also intelligent, quiet/serious-minded, sincere and willing to write a descriptive letter elaborating the above, enclosing a photograph (or reasonable facsimile). Let's go to Pt. Reyes! Reply BT Box AP115B or call ★★5912.

And Now The Adjectives, Please:

Shy, sexy, sardonic, underemployed, overeducated, butch, brave, witty, affectionate, horny, handsome, loyal, sweet, self-hating, cocky, fierce, kinky, working-class commie artist, 34, more top than bottom, difficult but worth it, seeks: raven-haired Levantine/Mediterranean-type babe with magnificent nose to be my love monkey/stud muffin/butt buddy/sweetheart. You: tough enough to handle me, grown-up enough to tolerate someone loving you, unambivalent about sex. Me: variously ethnic, dark hair/eyes, '90s clone facial hair, multi-earringed. Not impressed by big muscles or big dicks, but am queer for men who kiss like volcanoes. Making me laugh as important as making me splooge good. The crossword puzzle should be the second thing you like to do in bed on Sunday mornings. P.S., I can talk dirty in Italian, too. PO Box 460685, SF 94146 or call ★★5913.

If This Doesn't Do It, I Guess Nothing Will

You'll never know how many times I've hoped to pass you on the street & have us notice each other. Or how many times you may have noticed me but I was feeling shy and let that moment slip away! Help me out now! OK, let's stop looking for each other and just meet face to face & find out what we both have been longing for. You just gotta be under 40, exceptionally attractive or equally so as I am at 37, GWM, close-trimmed beard/moustache, head full of hair I can run my fingers through, under 180 lbs., (I'm 160, 5'7"), light smoker OK, but no serious drinking problems please! Desire as I do someone you'd be proud to call your lover and can understand the real difference between doing things because you want to as opposed to because you feel you have to! Please write. I'll certainly respond and promptly. You can call & actually both would be preferred. Signed a true, sexy, affectionate Southern Gentleman. Let's make it happen. It's our time to find romance & each other. Reply BT Box AP116B or call ★★5914.

Let's Watch Videos

Healthy GWM, average-looking, somewhat exhibitionistic, hung w/low hangers, 48, 5'7", 150 lbs., loves getting hot and hard while watching videos with other guys over 40 and in good shape. Not interested in relationship—just in good hot safe sex. Send note and graphic photo if possible to Boxholder, 740A 14th St., #391, SF 94114 or call ★★5915.

Hot And Handsome

All-American looks with an alternative attitude. I'm 6'2", 170#, blk/grn, strong, secure, spiritual, a snuggler, with a smile that sparks excitement. Seeking a handsome, cleanshaven man without a lot of body hair (long and blond a+), preferably in 30s, who sees himself as an individualist. My interests include writing, camping, motorcycling, cooking, people who live and tell great stories. Reply BT Box AP117B or call ★★5916.

Underwear/Jockstrap Fantasies?

Attractive, callipygian, 29" waisted Asian desires slim or buffed GWMs to watch me model my huge undergarment collection (thongs, briefs, swimsuits, sweatpants, jockstraps, shorts, spandex). Help me into and out of my garments, grope me, photograph me. Hot, safe, erotic play (I'm also HIV-, deep-throated, anal passive). Plus if you model your undergarment collection for me. Not into dirty/women's garments. Call ★★5917.

I Have What You Want

I'm tall, dark, extremely handsome, Irish/Greek, 37, 6', 175#, dark hair/eyes, moustache, masculine, well-built swimmer's body, sexy & hung well. With a well-rounded, optimistic & generous personality. If you've got what I want—a masculine, good-looking, well-endowed, well-built top, HIV healthy, sexually wild, who, like me, enjoys all kinds of outdoor activities & everything the City has to offer, who is naturally monogamous and fun to be with and believes it takes two men 100 percent to make it work—then I'm the quality man you would be proud to introduce as a lover or friend. Write w/photo (returnable) to BT Box AP118B or call ★★5918.

Blueprints And Permits Ready

A relationship with this GWM is built on a foundation of commitment, monogamy, trust and communication. I'm ready to begin construction with a warm, responsive man who is emotionally mature, comfortable with this sexuality, financially stable, in-shape, NS, ND, HIV+, with a positive attitude and sense of humor. I'm 37, 5'7", 135 lbs., good-looking, brown hair, green eyes, muscular, healthy HIV+, NS, ND. I appreciate someone who, like me, is intelligent, honest, adventuresome, oftentimes silly, and has a sense of awe for the world around him. Some of my interests are hiking, camping, working out at the gym, gardening, woodworking, travel, dogs, kites, music, photography, old radios and blowtorches. Reply BT Box AP119B or call ★★5919.

Good-Looking! All-American!

GWM, 45 years young, seeks good-looking/handsome GWM, any-years-young, into fun, friendship, maybe even romance! Are you new in town? I can be your escort and show you everything, everywhere! Write with photo (will return). Box 1001, 633 Post, SF 94109 or call ★★5920.

South Bay Dad

Masculine, bearded, good-looking, outdoor type, HIV-, bi, divorced dad with no biological son looking to be adopted by a masculine, hairy, hot, younger dude to enjoy the outdoor pleasures of spring and summer. I will travel for the right son but maybe the "son" shines right in my own South Bay yard. Please send facial photo to Box 722, Campbell 95009 or call ★★5921.

Opposite Attraction

Attractive, muscular, Germanic, 6'1", br/bl, cleanshaven GWM, early 40s, seeks dating/relationship with slender, boyish and cute GWM, 20s-30s. (Blonds, Nordic, smooth a plus.) I am somewhat shy, gentle, caring, affectionate, open-minded, love skiing, motorcycling, hiking, nature, quiet romantic times, travel, culture. I am a healthy HIV+ (if that matters), NS, computer professional. You: just be that special cute guy described above and together we'll check the chemistry. Reply BT Box AP120B or call ★★5922.

Healthy, Handsome Guy

47, look a lot younger, 6'2", 180 lbs., very hung, HIV-, just over a long-term relationship, very successful professional in Palo Alto area, very oral, very romantic. Looking for a healthy guy who wants a friend that could work into relationship. Call ★★5923.

To: Chinese Bun

From: 100 percent beefcake. Hi, B. on Army Street. Misplaced your phone #. Please call my voice mailbox and leave it. Talk to you later. Call ★★5924.

Life-Affirming Bond

Seeking available masculine man who is affectionate, thoughtful, honest, generous, optimistic, open-minded, supportive and ready for a monogamous LTR. I am 5'9", 145 lbs., handsome, bright, witty, sexy, slender, smooth, dk hair & eyes, warm smile, Midwestern values, healthy HIV+, wanting to give & receive love & friendship. I am especially attracted to well-built, athletic men taller than myself. Please ND, NS, no alcohol. Letters with photos (returned) appreciated. Reply BT Box AP121B or call ★★5925.

Dark Irish-French

Me: 39, 6', 170#, dark hair, moustache, blue eyes, muscular/defined build, hairy chest, solid athletic legs/butt, big cock—versatile. You: 20-42, athletic/muscular build, well-hung, facial hair. Pluses: relaxed, self-aware, manly; able to let go and be human or animal, ready for hot sex and not overly serious about it all. Call ★★5926.

My Search Is On

For the Hisp. boy of my dreams. He's 25 or younger; under 5'9", weight proportional and baby soft skin; must be warm-hearted, fun and romantic. Must want a serious relationship. Me: handsome BM, 33-yr-old, 5'8", 160 lbs., masc., dominant, excellent health, prof., educated, affectionate and a lot more. Other races are welcome to respond if interested and fit the same description. Call ★★5927.

Top

Looking for young, 18-28 y.o. bottoms. I'm 5'9", 158 lbs., GWM, south Marin/SF. Trim and smooth a plus. Oral expert? Plus plus. Reply BT Box AP122B or call ★★5928.

Go For The Gold!

Very good-looking, successful, relationship-oriented, HIV- man into spiritual and personal growth, looking for someone similar, 32-44, to share the charmed life. Have dream home, wonderful friends and family—now want the rest: someone to love, cherish, travel the world and make dreams come true. Prefer Atherton to Carmel. If similar and have the time and interest to develop a magical relationship, please write with photo (will return). Reply BT Box AP123B or call ★★5929.

Head

Your hairy/muscular thighs are wrapped 'round my neck, you're inside me, your hands are caught in the curly hair on my head. You are talking to me. I'm trim, fit, muscular, healthy, HIV-. So are you. I'm 6', blond, handsome. You love and crave head. Ditto me, to give it. Call ★★5930.

Size Counts

If you were born with it or achieved it through pumping, fat transplant, ligament surgery or otherwise, I'd like to meet you. Me: 30 yrs. old, 6'5", 160#, light brown/blue, attractive, gym-toned and curious. You: proud and willing to show and tell. Reply BT Box AP124B or call ★★5931.

Marin County Catch

Handsome native ready for a boyfriend! Me: ready to commit, have a great life to share, very masculine, hung, 38, HIV-, 6', 165 lbs., GWM, receding brn/blue, runner's build, homeowner, Tahoe skier, great cook, hiker, love Yosemite, mtn bike rider, car nut. You: 25-35, HIV-, cleanshaven or 'stache, employed, masculine, similar interests, good shape to beefy, athletic, nice guy. Reply BT Box AP125B or call ★★5932.

Shorts

Fit 31 y.o. GWM seeks others who have "special" interest in gym shorts, beach shorts, running

shorts, etc. Age & race unimportant. Attraction to men in shorts is imperative. Call ★★5933.

Bleached Blond Men
Are my special interest. If you are a bottle blond or want to be or wish you were, I want to meet you! I am dark-haired, sexy, currently bearded, 5'7", 150 lbs. Call ★★5934.

Big Arms, Big Dick
Reply BT Box AP126B or call ★★5935.

Asian Affinity
I like to be with other Asians like myself. I'm 29, 5'10", 168 lbs., nice well-built body and Asian American. I'm looking for other Asians/Asian Americans to share good times with leading to friendship/relationship. Letter with photo (if possible) to BT Box AP127B or call ★★5936.

Masculine Safe Sex Buddies
Wanted for 3- or 4-way by masculine GWM couple. One of us: mid-30s, 5'9", 150 lbs., dark hair, moustache/goatee, burns, work out 2-3 days/wk, nice dick/nuts, HIV-; and the other dude: mid-30s, 6', 175 lbs., brown hair, moustache, burns, works out, nice dick/low-hanging nuts, HIV-. We're looking for dudes our age or younger with safe man-to-man action. Into: mutual J/O, titwork, C&B work, armpits, safe butt play, spanking, leather, tattoos, piercings, goatees and beards. One guy's really into PAs. Other guy really into skin play and upper body. Reply BT Box AP128B or call ★★5937.

Exceptional Guy
This WM is short, sensual, hairy, late-30s, HIV-, NS, friendly and well-adjusted. If you met me, you might say, "He's really cute... a great smile, a sexy body and a charmer. I'd like to date him!" You have a well-exercised body that likes lots of attention, kissing, cuddling. Honesty, integrity, real pluses as well as understanding the difference between sex/intimacy. Serious only, please. Call ★★5938.

Tennis,
Anyone? Yes, provided you play a decent enough game and would like to improve. I'm a fair player and would like to find a similar someone to get together regularly to practice and volley. That is basically what this is about. Good conversation and laughter would be pluses and encouraged. And if your idea of love also includes someone down on you, then tennis might be foreplay. That's the outside chance. Meanwhile, the play's the thing. Call ★★5939.

Noble Friendship? Enduring Love?
My handsome appearance, silky olive skin, Asian/Latin features, chiseled muscular physique exude sensuality. My affectionate temperament, sensitivity, athletic grace, warm your heart. My intelligence, emotional maturity might touch your soul. Yes, I have the capacity to recognize my flaws too. Just wondering how you can enrich our lives. Physical fitness, maturity, capacity for passion and enduring intimacy very desirable. Letter/photo: 584 Castro St., #204, SF 94114 or call ★★5940.

Kinky Party Guys
GWM, mid-30s, muscular, masculine seeks other party dudes into fantasy, role-plays, dominance/submission scenes, bondage, toys, groups, 3-ways. Looking for imaginative guys who like to get down and nasty. Let's explore some of your wilder fantasies. Call ★★5941.

Horny Guy
Me: 28 y.o., 5'9", 150#, very athletic, short brown hair, 'stache, goatee, hairy chest, 8" uncut, dripping sex. Seeking attractive, vers. men in good shape, in 20s-30s, for hot times. Facial hair & a good sense of humor a big +. Weight proportionate, butch only, please. Call ★★5942.

Blue Collar Studs Wanted!
Hot, sweaty construction workers and other muscular blue collar studs get serviced after a hard day. Kick back and enjoy a cold beer while watching some hot porno and let me lick the sweat off your cock and balls. Cum right after work in your tight, dirty jeans and get some personal attention. Convenient service center near Goodman's Lumber. Call ★★5943 or write Boxholder, PO Box 1062, Daly City 94017-1062.

Direct And To The Point
Exceptionally handsome and masculine WM student in his 20s seeks another together WM. I am bright, creative and passionate and have a great deal to give to the right person. Stats: 28, 5'11", 165 lbs., athletic, brn/blue, HIV-. Only seeking other exceptionally handsome and masculine WMs in good shape. Letters with photos get first response. All photos returned. Reply BT Box AP129B or call ★★5944.

No Rice Queens, Please
Not seeking someone with ethnic requirements but rather an athletic, good-looking, mid-20s to mid-30something who has similar interests (i.e., architecture, working out, movies, quasi-intellectual conversations, cooking, camping—the outdoor kind). I'm a good-looking professional GAM (26, 5'7", 145, HIV-) and, like me, you are driven by diversity, spontaneity, career aspirations and, simply, life. Yet, you have your share of imperfections and idiosyncracies but have acknowledged them and dealt! I'm not looking for the ideal soulmate or a fuckbuddy but rather an independent man with a sense of humor and who can relate to M. Scott Peck. Call ★★5945.

Chocolate Caliente
Black and Latino men: thorough BGM, 25, asks: Where are the single, together, gay men of color hanging these days? Let's get together! I am/you are intelligent, slim, compassionate, attractive, sober, 22-29, a good listener and passionate. No ambition? No action. Check it out... Call ★★5946.

Looking For Mr. Nice Guy
Attractive 35 y.o., 5'8", 150#, Amerasian mix, professional, straight-acting, clean-cut, HIV-, smooth and slim body. Passionate traveler to Europe and Asia. Also work out regularly, cycle, swim and play ridiculous tennis. Would love to meet over coffee fellow romantics who are sincere, committed to a monogamous relationship and have a great sense of humor. Let's take a trip on the Road Less Traveled. Letter and photo? Reply BT Box AP130B or call ★★5947.

Let Your Mind Go...
You: (This is flexible—after all, it's only what I think I want) East Coast, Jewish/Italian, (mostly) smooth, stunningly beautiful (with character), articulate and you realize that you're interconnected with everything and everyone and you like it that way. You're not arrogant, self-important or scared of people who care about you. Rich would be nice (though definitely not essential) as long as you didn't get that way in some workaholic, corporate way. (A lay-about Lotto winner would be nice.) You know—you should be perfect. Me: definitely not perfect, Italian/mongrel Jersey boy, 6-foot-2, eyes of blue, 220# of (mostly) muscle, totally in love with living here and now, amazed at how wondrous everything is. Of course I hide that under a (sometimes) witty New York crust, but I'm always growing in a California direction. I have no patience for stupidity, games or meaningless sex and I'm not shy about expressing myself (read: sometimes obnoxious and tactless). My life has been really blessed, but I've had no one to share it with. That's the one thing I regret (that, and the resurgence of bell bottoms). If you saw *L.A. Story*, you know what I'm looking for (who isn't?). If you think it's all possible, write to BT Box AP131B or call ★★5948.

Just
Just turned 31. Just moved into a cute apartment. Just started my own company in the arts. Would just like to meet a regular guy just to enjoy life. I'm just 5'6", 130 lbs., trim, HIV-, just seeking WM, 30-47, mature, bearded (?), taller, my height, happy, versatile. Just answer. Reply BT Box AP132B.

Good-Looking Gardener
Seeks other masculine blue collar guys for companionship, dating, affectionate sex, possible relationship. I'm 45, 6'2", 150 lbs., smooth, with glasses and moustache. I'm attracted to hairier, naturally muscular men, 35-50, with intelligence and a sense of humor. Varied interests include: hiking, Buddhist meditation, cats, food/wine, French, Star Trek, religion, kissing/cuddling, travel, psychology, buildings, arts/crafts, reading, ecology. Please be NS and HIV-. Reply BT Box AP133B or call ★★5949.

Seeking Masculine Man
For long-term relationship. I'm tall, 33, HIV-, considered handsome, nice smile. Not into bars—rather spend evenings working out and weekends camping, hiking or riding my bike. Interested in meeting nonsmoking, energetic male under 40 who is intelligent, easygoing, generally happy with life and of good character. You're looking for more than sex, know how to kiss, and aren't afraid to sweat! Call ★★5950.

Positive Boyfriend
Wanted by positive romantic. Handsome, romantic, GWM, 38, with tall, lean, muscular body seeks other sexy, good-looking, HIV+ guys for fun, lust, romance. Love to kiss, love romantic dates, love hot erotic sex. If you're handsome, sexy, well-built (gym muscles a must!), between 28 & 38, let's get together for a drive in the country and... Call ★★5951.

...And I Will Always Love You
Me: Versatile, professional, gdlkg GBM, mid-30s, 5'10", 195#. You: gdlkg GWM/GLM/GAM w/same build/characteristics, w/moustache, nice firm buns. I enjoy movies, theater, exercise, leather, light drinking, ND, NS. Need to share good times and bad times with someone special. No one-night stands. Just a one in a million chance. Are you ready? Call ★★5952.

Novice Daddy
At 48, this 5'9", 200 lb. GWM is ready to be a daddy to a son who is eager to be with him and make him happy. No S/M games or fantasies, just caring, tenderness and love are offered. We are HIV-, hairy, employed and independently secure, but ready to share good times and good sex (I'm mostly top). Call box or send letter. Reply BT Box AP134B or call ★★5953.

Handsome Wallflower
F, hybrid, 30something, genus Gaysian (Chinese) of medium height with slim, ultrasmooth branches, seeks companion/border plants, preferably white potatoes with slim or shapely branches. Responds well to water (swimming, hot tubs, bubble baths), fertilizer (cooking, fine dining), transplanting (travel), sun (sunbathing, running), music (classical, opera, vintage rock 'n roll/disco), pollination (safe, deep-throated, you're toppish), grooming (nice clothes), greenhouse environment (own condominium in SF and despise bars), certified disease-free (HIV-). What kind of plant are you? Call ★★5954.

Black And White
White guy seeks Black guy. I'm 6', 170 lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, attractive, 26 years old, from East Coast and new to San Francisco. Into flicks, shooting pool, dancing, safe sex and more. Oh yeah, I'm HIV+. Call ★★5955.

Big, Strong Buddy?
Masculine, in-shape guy, 37, 5'8", 160, seeks very masculine, muscular/beefy guy with dominant personality. Prefer linebacker/powerlifter build on a dad/big brother type, but without the role-playing. I have little in common with stereotypical gay men—it seems that the more masculine a guy is, the less he identifies with the gay mindset. I want a buddy, not a sister. You too? Call ★★5956.

Looking For Love
I'm a cute, friendly student looking for good friends and true love. You are 18-30, intelligent, cute, and have lots of energy. Let's get together and see what happens. College student a plus. Call ★★5957.

"Time To Party"
Stress, sex clubs, hundreds of sex partners, unsafe sex, unintentional unsafe sex, HIV seroconverting, condom breakage/leaks, gay relationships beginning with sex and ending with sex, size queens/kings, alcohol/drug abuse, HIV status lies, intimacy discrimination because of HIV status, survivor's syndrome, discrimination because of sexual endowment size, love. Attractive Latino, HIV-, NS/ND, seeks friends/lover to talk about above. Reply photo/letter to BT Box AP135B.

Fun, smart and butch GWM, 33, 5'9", 165, looking to meet an exceptional guy. I like sports, the outdoors and the New York Times. Safe, HIV- and mostly bottom. Would like to meet handsome, caring, down-to-earth professional, 29-35, who is independent but willing to share his life. Send note and photo to BT Box AP136B or call ★★5958.

Looking For Dad?
Are you a very slim, nice-looking, professional son, 21-40? Looking for a tall, slim, balding, professional dad, late 40s? If you're also hard-working, polite, well-mannered, affectionate, monogamous, nonsmoking, HIV- and ready to settle down—let's talk about our future together. Call ★★5959.

Handsome, Monogamous Hunk
Very good-looking, masculine, 32 y.o. GWM, professional, with sexy, Mediterranean looks. Brown hair, brown eyes and moustache, 5'10", 165 lbs., well-built, lean, muscular body. Moderately hairy, work out 5x week. Very healthy HIV+. Good sense of humor, honest, straightforward. Very romantic and wanting to fall wildly in love with a handsome, masculine professional, 33-43 y.o., who is confident, good-natured, romantic and sexually versatile. You should be willing to commit to a monogamous relationship. No drugs/heavy drinking. Send letter & photo (returned). Reply BT Box AP137B or call ★★5960.

Available For Magic
55 y.o. GWM, 5'9", 150 lbs., trimmed gray beard, thinning hair, distinguished looking professional; emotionally available, capable of loving and being responsible; HIV-. Lover of 8 yrs. died 1 yr. ago. Love walking, music, theater, travel, hanging out, caring, giving, talking, puns, humor, ideas. Seeking intelligent, articulate, responsive, attractive, sincere man, 40s to mid-50s. I want to love deeply and openly again. NS. Reply BT Box AP138B or call ★★5961.

Sleep Over Rim Buddy
Does mutual rimming, sucking, nipple play, steamy wet kissing & J/O flip your switches? Non-promiscuous, uninhibited GWM seeks a new friend/sex buddy hot for mutual rimming and other oral delights. Me: 5'10", 160#, HIV-, br/br, 'stache, muscular/athletic build, 40s. Regular guy, very friendly, affectionate, easy to be with. You: smaller than me, HIV-, trim, 40s, sexually mutual, eager for repeats, reliable. Lt. smoke/drink OK. No drugs. SF only. Your photo gets mine. 2440 16th St., Box 159, SF 94103 or call ★★5962.

Asian/Filipino Friend Desired
By tall, slim, healthy GJM, 50 y.o. I'm seeking a sincere person possibly interested in good music, ballet, local hiking, eating out and, of course, physical closeness. If you are reasonably attractive, smoothshaven, dominant sexually and open to caring for an older guy, please call ★★5963 or write BT Box AP139B.

Retired But Not Dead!
I've spent most of my life in school and building a career. Now it's time to play and to work on a serious relationship. 34 y.o. GWM, HIV+, 5'10", 150, brown, hazel, hirsute, healthy(ish) and financially secure. Likes music, travel, leather, books and fine food. Wants to date masculine, handsome men who are near my age, can communicate, share feelings and live well with HIV. Call ★★5964.

Will Share Asian Bottom
My warm mouth will get you up for his tight ass! Him: 35 y.o. AM, 5'7", 135#, gym-toned, very smooth with an eager butt! Me: 48 y.o. WM, 5'6", 150#, good-looking, fit, expert mouth. You should be WM/LM/AM, 35-45 y.o., facial hair, weight in proportion. My tongue gets his ass and your cock primed—then we ride him deep and hard! Call ★★5965.

Afternoon Delights? Weekends?
Intelligent, affectionate, masculine GWM in mid-40s (actually 42), who is HIV-, 5'8", 195 lbs., would love to meet younger buddy for on-going fun times, sex, warm sleepovers—not a husband. Do you like to be touched, held, stroked? Do you like rain on windows, soft music and reading books? If so, then let's get together. J., 370 Turk, Box #197, SF 94102.

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Do You Believe In...
The power of God to change lives, two men living together as "one," fidelity and monogamy, asking God's guidance within a relationship, building a relationship upon Christ? If so, maybe we should meet! I'm 25, Asian-American background, tall, 175 pounds, black hair, brown eyes, trim moustache and considered attractive and intelligent. I'm seeking to meet a liturgically oriented GWM between 30-40, masculine, facial haired and/or hirsute, but most important of all, someone with a good heart who knows how to be honest and is seeking God as I am daily. My interests are: movies, museums, quiet times, good food, long drives, warm talks and enjoyment of all other things God offers in life. I believe a wholesome relationship is based on prayer, trust and

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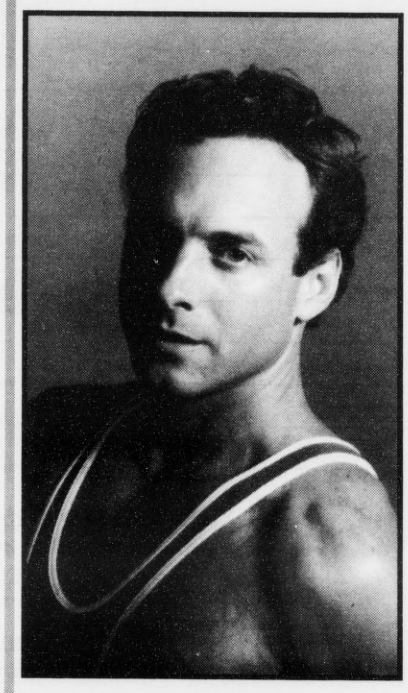

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Gentle Gentleman

Gentle gentleman is a quality I like in a man wanting serious dating. Caring, sensitivity, trust, responsibility, monogamy and health are very important. Must feel comfortable in suit and at the same time jeans and cowboy boots. Nonsmoker, lite drinker, no facial hair, but lots on top! Me: 50 yrs old, Eurasian, HIV+, romantic to the bone, healthy, love nice home. If you don't like playing house let's make make a quality home together! Call ★★5968.

Just 1

I'm not right for just anyone. Looking for self-assured, big, kind, warm, funny, clean, handsome, HIV- man with sparkling eyes, 30-40 yrs. old, no drugs, nonsmoker, hairy a plus, but not important. Me: 30 yrs. old, 6', 205 lbs., lumberjack beard, HIV-, energetic, monogamous, enjoy hanging out, helping friends with projects. I own my own business. Have friends. Looking for dating. Call ★★5969.

Not Desperate, But Looking

GWM, 30s, 5'10", 155 lbs., HIV-, NS, ND, very lite drinker, professional seeking to enjoy the special things real monogamous companions do: dining, travel, evenings out (no singles bars), walking the dog. You: 25-37 yrs. old GM similar to myself and energetic. Call ★★5970.

Artistic GM, 29, seeking soulmate. I'm romantic, slender, 5'9", green/brown, smoke-, drug-, STD-free, vegetarian. I love alternative music, films, long rambling walks in GG Park, adventures... You might wear a suit to work and have long hair (or not) but are the scruffy type on weekends. You don't own a cat (achoo!). You don't live at a gym. Hairy men a+. Republicans, scram. Letter, photo (?) and phone. PO Box 460934, SF 94146 or call ★★5971.

Blond Looking For Latino

Topman, 34-yr-old, 5'8½", 179, in-shape, blond, blue eyes, tan, bodybuilder, HIV-, looking for Latino/dark Jewish with muscular body, nice butt, good-looking, clean, HIV-, NS, ND. Interested in a relationship with a real man. Send letter with photo. Reply BT Box AP142B or call ★★5972.

Dynamic Man

Guy with passion for life and love seeks similar man for dating leading to possible marriage. I am 25 years old, intelligent, sensitive, very attractive, Chinese, compassionate and goal-oriented. My interests include film, theater, politics, the performing arts, comics, but I'm open to much, much more. You should be an attractive, under 35 years old, similar GWM. We both are HIV-, NS, ND. Photo appreciated. Reply BT Box AP143B or call ★★5973.

Black, Healthy & Horny & Hung

If your wish is to have fun & maybe even get serious with an exceptional Black guy who absolutely craves "old men," you should check me out. Nothing phony here! Reply BT Box AP144B or call ★★5974.

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Desperately Seeking Normality!

GWM, 34, 6', 225, redhead, blue, trim beard, well-educated. Interests include painting, hiking, films, gardening, CW music and dancing, good food, cards, bowling. Seeking white/Latin men, attractive, masculine, 25-45, who look good in leather, a cowboy hat or gym shorts, but who don't need to torture me, brand me, or make me do sit-ups! Let's have coffee, talk, see what happens. Reply BT Box AP145B or call ★★5975.

Seek Large, Older, Manly, Professional WM Of Intellect And Substance

You are: (1) 50something (early 60s OK), tall (around 6 ft.), stocky (around 200 lbs.), blond/silver-haired (bald OK), blue-eyed, cleanshaven (no beard), health-conscious, nonsmoker/heavy drinker; (2) university-educated, interested in serious culture; (3) a humane liberal, yet a pragmatic who understands economics, history, sciences; (4) gregarious, yet private, familiar with therapy, psychoactive experiences, self-awareness; (5) a nature lover interested in hiking, etc. I'm 40s, 6'2", 185, good-looking, healthy, into the above. Send recent photograph. Reply BT Box AP146B or call ★★5976.

Prove It!!

Many talk of wanting an enduring monogamous relationship; but pity, most can't even make it beyond a couple of dates. They're either too absorbed in playing games, acting coy, self-admiration, etc., that they've probably missed many great "catches." GWM, 36 y.o., 6'2", 175 lbs., HIV-, tenor, brn/brn, moustache, hot leather top, still optimistically seeks "significant other" that any mother-in-law would approve of. Reply BT Box AP147B or call ★★5977.

Daddy Seeks Daddy

Redbearded, 40ish, 5'11", 185#, NS, clean/sober, mostly top, hard-working, passionate, seeks commitment (not monogamy) with gray-furred partner same age or older. The size of your heart is more important than the size of your dick, but it would be nice if they're both enormous. I'm asymptomatic positive and a critical but practicing Catholic, determined to survive both plague and Pope! I enjoy wordplay, deep passionate kisses, home cooking, romantic touches, opera, occasional S/M, church—OK, more than occasional S/M—movies on the VCR, my siblings and nieces, lots of cuddling and more than a little twisted humor. Sex is important, but not everything, so let's meet, check the chemistry, and bounce around more than just the possibilities. Reply BT Box AP148B or call ★★5978.

Man Like Me

40 y.o. GWM, HIV+ asymptomatic, 160 lbs., 5'11", dk brn hair, blue eyes; working less, living more. Interests include: driving out to explore the country and coast, sunbathing, hiking, cooking scrumptuous meals and enjoying good wines, seeing all kinds of films (especially on foggy days), playing bridge, finding new books at Aardvark, working out at the gym, wondering if there's still a fun place to dance in the city (remember the Universal Life Corral), shopping at Trader Joe's, taping specials on PBS and reading the Nation, enjoying my home in Noe Valley, and finding ways to thank my lucky stars for still being a great-looking and healthy man. Sound like something you'd want to share? Call ★★5979.

Wanted! (Alive)

Sexy, athletic, employed scientist, or similar accomplished man by Latin health professional. I'm 43, handsome, 138 lbs., 5'8", fun-loving, lean and muscular, HIV-, and relationship-positive. I enjoy a variety of interests from metaphysics to quarks. Activities include biking, gym, hiking, an occasional show, rock 'n roll, jazz and mood music. I like someone who can rough it, yet be intimate, hold a conversation, and be honest over nice. No smokers, drugs or alcohol addictions, please. Let me hear from you. Reply BT Box AP149B or call ★★5980.

Gay Man Of The '90s

Goal: Buddy-friendships and relationship-oriented. Attractive, mature, GWM, s/p short hair, hazel eyes, clean-cut, tanned, masculine, HIV-, moderate cocktailer, NS, ND (inhale & poppers okay). Outdoorsman, 501s, leather, western image. Romantic, intelligent, good sense of humor, creative career, "w/multi-varied interests." Sexually very adventurous, dig Blow Buddies, T.R. commando, plus great cocksucker (oral fixated), hot kisser, versatile (right man) endowed u/c cock, chest hair surrounds pierced pecs, armband style tattoos. Into good sex, videos, touch, cuddling, massaging and intimacy (reciprocation definitely expected). You're... 40+, GWM, rugged appearing, masculine, tall w/weight in proportion. If you smoke, drink or are HIV+ not vital! Reasonably endowed, neat, beard/moustache, romantic, homebody, loves animals/environment. You love to hug & kiss. Unafraid of publicly holding hands or touch. Very affectionate, open-minded to sharing new experiences and quiet times together. Available, likes romantic music, and have the ability to enjoy life's daily pleasures. "Your reality not an illusion." Please respond w/photo (promptly returnable) to BT Box AP150B or call ★★5981.

HIV+ Boyfriend Wanted

GWM, HIV+, 38, 5'7", 150 trim, Swedish/Italian, healthy, asymptomatic, seeks easygoing, romantic, casual, sensual, positive boyfriend. Prefer smooth, similar size, 25-45. Love dark features (eyes, hair) and sensuality over sexuality. Attracted to Filipino, Latin, Asian, Cauc., accents, tans, personality, good nature, great smile, versatility and/or sporadic kink appreciated. Cuddling, caring, intelligence, live & let live attitude required. Reply BT Box AP151B or call ★★5982.

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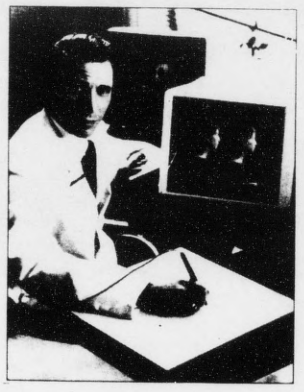

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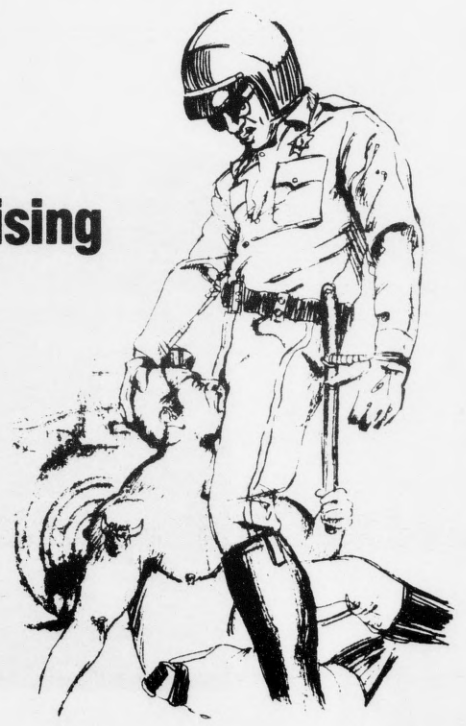

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